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**\*\*\*Fee Update\*\*\***

Dear Valued APL Logistics Customer,

Effective March 1, 2014, Japan Customs will implement the Advanced Filing Rules (JP24-AFR) for maritime cargo, which will apply to all ocean shipments destined to or transshipped via Japan. On March 10, 2014, Customs will begin assessing penalties for shipments that fail to comply with the new requirements.

As an NVOCC, APL Logistics is required to electronically submit House Bill of Lading (HBL) information to Japan Customs 24-hours prior to departure from the port of loading. This information will be used by Japan Customs for security screening, similar to the Automated Manifest System (AMS) in the U.S. Please be aware that most ocean carriers are instituting "No Document, No Load" policies so failure to provide the required data may result in shipment delays.

To comply with Japan's new 24-hour filing rule, APL Logistics will require the following data elements be included in your Shipping Instructions (SI) prior to documentation cutoff.

- Full name, address, **phone number** and country code (UN/LOCODE) of **shipper, consignee and notify party**
- Detailed cargo description (general terms such as "consolidated or general cargo" are not acceptable)
- First six digits of the HS code
- Number of packages
- Cargo gross weight
- Volume
- Marks and numbers
- Container number
- Seal number
- UN number and IMDG code where applicable

**In order to comply with the new rule, APL Logistics will require complete and timely shipping instructions.**

APL Logistics will complete the filing process on behalf of customers with shipments destined for Japan. A fee of USD30 per Bill of Lading (BL) will apply for shipping instructions received via electronic (EDI or web-based channel) or non-electronic methods. For amendments to a BL after submission, a fee of USD40 per BL will apply.

More information on this rule, including specific details on the implementation, can be found on the Japan Customs webpage: <http://www.customs.go.jp/english/summary/advance/index.htm>.

APL Logistics will continue to monitor and update you on any developments regarding this this new regulation. If you have any questions about this issue or our services, please contact your local APL Logistics representative.