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L.C.L. IMPORT PACKING DECLARATIONS

We wish to remind all our Import customers of the need for L.C.L. Import Packing Declarations to be supplied for all LCL shipments arriving in Australia after 1st February, 2003.

As with F.C.L. Packing Declarations, this form must contain a numerical link to the LCL consignment and the acceptable formats are;

- A Bill of lading Number
- Marks and Numbers of the consignment
- A Commercial invoice Number
- A Packing List Number
- A Container Number

We trust most of you will be familiar with this procedure, but if you have any questions relating to this additional requirement, please contact one of our Customs Staff for assistance.

AQIS ACCREDITATION

We are pleased to confirm that Specific Freight and our Licensed Customs Brokers are fully accredited with both the F.C.L. & L.C.L. Automatic Entry Processing (AEP) schemes with AQIS, which allows us to electronically lodge information with AQIS and process your cargo in the most efficient manner available. We advise that any costs associated with these requirements will be kept to a minimum.

CARGO DECLARATIONS - EXPORT FCL CARGO TO & VIA U.S.A.

On 2nd December 2002, the U.S. Customs Service's 24-Hour Advance Manifest Filing Rule came into effect, requiring manifests for all ships calling U.S.A. ports to be filed 24 hours in advance of loading for departure from all foreign ports. This includes US inbound cargo and **“foreign cargo remaining onbaord”** i.e. cargo transiting the U.S.A.

As a result of this new rule, we are now required to provide full information including clear Export Customs Numbers (ECN's) to the shipping line no later than 4 days prior to the vessel's arrival at the Port of Loading, so that they can prepare the ship's manifest and report it to U.S. Customs, within the required time frame.

U.S. Customs have implemented a penalty scheme for non-conformance by Shipping Lines. As a result of the risk of penalties, Shipping Lines will NOT accept late receipt of this information and your cargo will be “rolled-over” to the next available vessel. Therefore, timely and correct supply of your export cargo details will enable us to ship your goods in line with your delivery schedules.

EXPORT SEAFREIGHT E.B.A.F. TO N.Z.

We have been notified by Shipping Lines that an increase in the E.B.A.F. (Emergency Bunker Adjustment Factor) to AUD 211.00 per 20' container (T.E.U.), will be effective for all cargo departing Australia on and after the following vessels;

Rotoma V.766

Direct Kestrel V.695

Direct Falcon V.395

P & O Nedlloyd Nelson V.3706

Columbus New Zealand V.3103

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FACILITY

Specific Freight now has the facility to process payment of all transactions by Visa, MasterCard and Bankcard over the phone. Please contact Sharon Healy in Melbourne if you wish to use this service for future payments. As in the past, American Express is accepted as well.

IMPORT SEA FREIGHT B.A.F. INCREASES

Please note that Import cargo from the following areas will be subject to the relevant increases stated.

NEW ZEALAND

Containerised: Increasing from NZD 350.00 per T.E.U. to NZD 418.00 per T.E.U.
Timber: Increasing from NZD 5.85 per cbm to NZD 6.95 per cbm
Breakbulk: Increasing from NZD 13.25 per w/m to NZD 15.75 per w/m.

EUROPE

All cargo **: Increasing from 13.01% to 21.54%

** Conference vessels only.

IMPORT SEA FREIGHT RATE RESTORATION - EUROPE

Please be advised that conference services ex Europe will be increasing Sea Freight prices by USD 100.00 per T.E.U. as of 01/04/2003.

CARGO SECURITY & COSTS

During this time, with war in the Gulf a strong possibility in the very near future, Airlines, Shipping Lines, Freight Forwarders (International & Local) and all Cargo Handling Operators may need to further increase security measures as required by industry bodies.

Therefore, Importers and Shippers alike should be aware of the cost implications further security measures will have on their cargo due to additional handling and the resources required by all parties. Also, you should be aware that your cargo might take considerably longer to arrive at its destination due to re-routing of aircraft/vessels worldwide.



SPECIFIC FREIGHT NEWS

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