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## Customer Advisory

### **Mandatory declaration of IEC, GSTIN and email address of importer on the Bills of Lading (REVISION NO. 2)**

Dear Valued ONE Customer,

Please find attached a copy of the PUBLIC NOTICE NO.33/2018 on the mandatory requirements for Import Bill of Lading effective **1st April 2018**.

In order to ensure that such basic details of importers in India are captured by shipping lines at the time of booking of such consignments at the stage of bill of lading" stage and to further speed up the import declaration processing and clearance, it has been decided that:

**Importers are required to ensure that following basic details are informed to their exporters abroad so that these details are incorporated in the bills of lading issued at the time of booking of such consignments.**

- a. Import & export Code (IEC) of importer;**
- b. GST Identification No (GSTIN) of importer;**
- c. Official email id of importer (to be used for correspondence by shipping lines and Customs).**

This information should be mentioned in the Description of goods column, 1st page of the BL.

Format: Importer - IEC#(IEC Code);GSTIN#(GSTINC CODE);Email#(Email\_id);

(# and semi-colon symbols are very important enable the system to pick up the data and manifest the same in the Import General Manifest).

Case 1 Example:

Importer - IEC#01234567891; GSTIN#22AAAAA0000A1Z5; EMAIL#abc@company.com;

\*\*(Where Shipper / Forwarder provides all information MBL/ HBL)

Case 2 Example:

Importer - IEC#; GSTIN# 22AAAAA0000A1Z5; EMAIL#abc@company.com;

\*\*(Where Shipper / Forwarder provides only GSTIN and Email ID MBL)

Please ensure your shippers are informed of these mandatory requirements to avoid any customs issues / delays etc. when cargo arrives Nhava Sheva, India.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any query regarding the same.

Yours faithfully,

Ocean Network Express (East Asia) Ltd.

# Attachment

F. No. S/22-Gen-402/2017-18/ AM (I)/JNCH Dated 07.03.2018

PUBLIC NOTICE NO.33/2018 issued by OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (NS-III), NHAVA SHEVA

Sub: Mandatory declaration of GSTIN, IEC and email address of importer in the Bills of Lading obtained by shipper: reg.

Attention of the Members of Trade and Industry, steamers/ Shipping Agents(SA), Port/Terminal Operators and all other persons is invited to the Public Notice No 161/2016, dated 28.11.2016(including subsequent Public Notices on DPD), issued by JNCH and also provisions of Handling of Cargo in Customs Areas Regulations, 2009 as amended by Notification No. 96/2010 dated 12.11.2010.

2.1 There have been a number of instances where the consignments of hazardous waste, other waste or restricted items are imported in the name of certain importers and remain un-cleared. Subsequent investigation in the aforesaid cases revealed that no such importer actually exists / or comes forward to claim the cargo. It is suspected that these consignments have been imported for the purpose of dumping of hazardous waste from the exporting country and are posing a serious environmental threat.

2.2 Further, in order to give further impetus to Direct Port Delivery (DPD), it has been decided to gradually do away with consignment wise DPD intimation (72 hours advance intimation being submitted by importer in respect of each consignment to shipping lines) with one time default intimation. In order to operationalize this procedure, it is essential to capture basic details of importer in the Bill of lading itself so that such details can be used to decide DPD stacking code and for various other purposes.

3. In order to ensure that such basic details of importers in India are captured by shipping lines at the time of booking of such consignments at the stage of bill of lading" stage and to further speed up the import declaration processing and clearance, it has been decided that:

i. Importers are required to ensure that following basic details are informed to their exporters abroad so that these details are incorporated in the bills of lading issued at the time of booking of such consignments.

a. Import & export Code (IEC) of importer;

b. GST Identification No (GSTIN) of importer;

c. Official email id of importer (to be used for correspondence by shipping lines and Customs).

ii. Shipping lines operating / functioning at Nhava Sheva are also required to ensure that they obtain such details from exporters abroad, if such consignments are to be discharged at Nhava Sheva (JNPCT or GTI or NSICT / NSIGT or BMCTP terminals) and indicate the same in the IAL submitted to the Terminal.

iii. Further, such details may be used by shipping lines for informing the stacking code of the container to the importer.

#### 4. Direction to Importers / Customs Brokers:

Importers/ Customs Brokers are required to ensure that the said requirements are complied with Customs Broker Licensing Regulations, 2013 provides that Customs Brokers shall discharge his duties as a Customs Broker with utmost speed and efficiency as per Regulation 11.

5. The revised requirement for imports at Nhava Sheva Port and shipping lines as mentioned in Para 3 above would be applicable from 1st April 2018 (i.e. all bills of lading issued on or after 1st April 2018 should contain aforesaid additional details).

6. Difficulty, if any may also be brought to the notice of Deputy / Assistant Commissioner in charge of DPD Cell, NS-III or Appraising Main (Import) through email / phones (email address: dpd.amijnch@gmail.com or appraisingmain.jnch@gov.in , Phone No : 02227244959, 022-27244979).

7. This issues with approval of the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II, JNCH. Action to be taken in terms of decisions taken in this Public Notice should be considered as standing order for the purpose of officers and staff.

Sd/-

(SUBHASH AGRAWAL)

COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (NS-III).