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Dear all the NVOCC customers for Japan import shipments,

Firstly, thank you very much for your support and for using our services in Japan.

Then, we deeply appreciate your understanding and cooperation with our request as ocean carrier for Japan Advance Filing Rules (JP AFR) since the renewal of Japan Customs Law in March 2014.

As we notified our import customers at Japan recently, we often receive the suspension notification called as "SPD" from Japan Customs because some of the NVOCC customers missed or failed to submit your house B/L data to NACCS and unfortunately, such a situation has been unchanged since past years and not progressed yet, we would like to remind and request you to take a note about this mandatory rule for all Japan import cargoes.

<<Notice>>

· Requiring of you to follow the current rules of JP AFR timely and properly

According to JP AFR, all the ocean carriers have been following the rule to submit our cargo manifests to JP Customs 24 hours prior to the departure of the vessel which will arrive at Japan port(s) through the NACCS system. All the NVOCCs must follow the same rules to report the details of your House B/L (HB/L) to them as well as us. However, as it is mentioned above, we have been receiving a lot of SPD notifications from JP Customs due to your missing/failing HB/L report or late submission after the deadline and so on.

Therefore, we would like all the consignees in Japan as NVOCC to strongly remind your shippers in the world to follow this reporting requirement to JP Customs and complete your necessary assignments timely and properly. Then, if your shipper(s) can't complete the submission of the HB/L data to NACCS system by the deadline, we also ask you to support and help them in order to solve the issue immediately.

· Our treatment and countermeasure in the case we receive SPD as no report or late submission of House B/L by NVOCC's customers from JP Customs

Regarding all the import cargoes loaded on the vessels which will arrive at Japan ports, if those are notified of SPD by JP Customs due to no report or late submission by your shipper at the loading sides, we will arrange to retain subject cargoes on board to the next overseas ports without discharging them at the other calling ports in Japan. So, the cargo arrival at POD will be much delayed with unknown specific revised ETA at the POD (port of discharge). Then, please be also informed that all the extra costs for this cargo diversion or additional sailing to arrange to come back to the POD in Japan will be billed to you as consignee in Japan.

At last, we deeply appreciate that you will understand the above notice and request from us and follow this rule based on the customs law in Japan in order to release your imported cargoes at your ordered POD smoothly.

· For more information on JP AFR rules, please visit and check the following URL site of Japan Customs.

Japan Customs URL : <https://www.customs.go.jp/english/summary/advance5/index.htm>

FAQ on the JP AFR : <https://www.customs.go.jp/english/summary/advance5/04.pdf>

With our best wishes,
Sincerely,