

Dear all the NVOCC customers for Japan import shipments,

Firstly, thank you very much for your supporting and using our services to 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 since last year, 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 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 just before coming Long Holidays (Golden Week) in Japan (Apr.29th 2023 – May.7th 2023).

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• **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 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 keeping 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 to submit 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 HB/L by NVOCC's customers from JP Customs during Long Holidays(New Year Holiday's Week) in Japan.**

Regarding all the import cargoes loaded on the vessels which will arrive at Japan ports during Long Holidays (Apr.29th 2023 – May.7th 2023), if those are notified of SPD by JP Customs during this term 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 the specific revised ETA at the POD (port of discharge). Then, please be also informed that all the extra cost 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 you will understand above notice and request from us and follow this rule based on the customs law in Japan in order for us to release your import cargoes at your ordered POD smoothly.

With our best wishes,
Sincerely,

Ocean Network Express (Japan) Ltd.
