

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 have been informing our customers of import shipments, some NVOCC customers have often received an import suspension notice called "SPD" from Japan Customs, due to failure to submit house B/L data to NACCS, and unfortunately this situation has not improved. but we would like to ask you to please take note of this mandatory rule for shipments imported into Japan before the long vacation (New Year's Holiday Week) in Japan (December 29, 2023 - January 3, 2024).

<<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 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 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 (Dec.29th 2023 – Jan.3rd 2024), if we receive a notice of SPD from JP Customs during this period due to no declaration from the shipper or late declaration, we will not land the shipment at another port in Japan but will arrange to land it at the following overseas port. this will result in a significant delay in the arrival of the cargo at the port of discharge (POD) and additional costs associated with picking up the cargo at the POD will be charged to the Japanese consignee.

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.
