



Notice to Shippers

Date: 24.09.2010

**Subject: European 24 Hour Advanced Manifest Rule
HS Code & Acceptable Goods Description**

Dear Customer,

We already informed you about the new EU 24 Hour Advanced Manifest Rule which requires the electronic lodging of an Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) for any cargo brought into the EU customs territory as from 01.01.2011.

The risk analysis performed by the EU Customs after receipt of this ENS is based on the shipping instructions provided by the shipper. To reduce the risk of delays and the imposition of penalties it is important that all data provided are in compliance with the new EU requirements. DAL will not be held responsible for any delays or costs which arise due to incomplete or incorrect information. This is especially crucial for the goods description and the HS Code, as the EU customs risk analysis is predominantly based on these details.

➤ **HS Code**

The first four digits of the HS Code are the minimal requirement to be provided within the shipping instructions.

Additional useful information about the HS Code can be found on the following website:

http://www.wcoomd.org/home_hsoverviewboxes_tools_and_instruments_hsnomenclaturetable2007.htm

➤ **Guidelines for acceptable and non-acceptable goods descriptions**

The European Commission has developed guidelines for acceptable and non-acceptable goods descriptions. As a result general terms such as "Consolidated Cargo", "General Cargo" or "Spare Parts" will in future no longer be accepted. The guidelines are not only mandatory for the sending of Entry Summary Notifications but will also be required by individual EU Member States, e.g. in arrival manifests or summaries. Dutch Customs already introduced this requirement as from 01.07.2009 and it's most likely that other EU Member States will follow in the near future.

We therefore, strongly recommend following the cargo description guidelines for shipments to any European country. The usage of non-acceptable cargo descriptions will result in Customs inspection and examination which might result in delays.

EU Guidelines on acceptable and unacceptable cargo description:

http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/resources/documents/customs/policy_issues/customs_security/acceptable_goods_description_guidelines_en.pdf

Adequate goods descriptions and HS Codes should be used with immediate effect and as from 01.11.2010 DAL will no longer accept shipping instructions which do not comply with these requirements.

For any further information about this subject please contact your nearest DAL office.

With kind regards,

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