15 September 2013

To whom it may concern,

Re: Transmission of Cargo Sub-manifest to the New and Advanced Foreign Trade System of Israel Customs - "Sha'ar Olami"

24h-filing rule - An update

Further to questions received from foreign freight forwarders, in relation to the subject above, we have decided, until the Israeli Customs Directorate issues its own to letter of instructions, to furnish you with relevant details which we have in hand, in order to facilitate a smooth entry into the New and Advanced Foreign Trade System.

General

The head of the Israeli Customs Directorate, has postponed the application of the Advanced Foreign Trade System to October 10th 2013.

Documentary requirements:

1. The basic requirements of the Advanced Foreign Trade System is to present the customs authority with a clear identification of the importers, foreign suppliers as well as the accurate description of the imported Goods on the Transport related Import documents (Ocean Bill of Lading, Air waybill, International Transportation Certificates and Import Manifest).

Importers, Shipping companies, Airlines and International Freight Forwarders operating in Israel, have to advise this Customs' decision to their Suppliers, Clients, Correspondents, Airlines, Shipping companies, Customs Brokers and International Freight Forwarders abroad.

All importers should take the necessary steps in order to furnish their overseas suppliers with their VAT registration number (or any other official government identification number). It is of high importance that all parties involved in the
International commerce of Israel, will be aware, prepared and ready for the procedure, accordingly.

2. Within the framework of the newly developed system and in order to adjust the Israeli import procedure and improve the control abilities of the authorities in Israel, it has been decided that as of October 10th, 2013, all transportation related documents i.e. Bills of Lading, Waybills and Airway Bills covering goods imported to Israel, including Import Manifests, submitted to the customs authorities by Shipping companies, Airlines, and International Forwarding Agents, must include the FULL NAME and the VAT registration number (or any other official government identification number) of the Importer, the FULL NAME and VAT registration number (or any other official government identification number) of the foreign supplier in his country and an unequivocal description of the imported goods, including **their first four digits** of the imported goods' H.S. classification number (HS Code). The FULL NAME, ADDRESS and VAT registration number of both the Importer and the Supplier, will become, as of February 2004, an integral part of the data of the Bill of Ladings and on any other transport document, including shipping manifest, covering goods imported to Israel. General description of the goods using vague and unclear description such as "General Cargo" "F.A.K." (Freight all kind) etc. will not be acceptable any more!!

3. When freight forwarder submits documents to the shipping line, the following pieces of information are to be shown on the MB/L as follows:

   - MBL Shipper, full name and address + VAT(or any other official government identification number).
   - MBL Consignee, full name and address + VAT
   - Notify (full name and address)
   - Description of Goods
   - Types of Packages (Code)
   - Shipping marks
   - Container # and Seal #
   - H.S. classification number [(Commodity Code) (4 digit HS Code)]
   - Gross weight (kg)
   - (UN Dangerous Goods Code) if applicable
   - Packing group (P/G - I/II/III)

4. If the Consignee mentioned in the Bill of Lading, Waybill, Airway Bill is a Bank or in cases where the Bill of Lading is made out "To Order" "To Order of Shipper", the Bill of Lading must clearly indicate the FULL NAME OF THE IMPORTER and his VAT registration number (or any other official government identification number) in the NOTIFY section ON THE BILL OF LADING, WAYBILL etc.

5. In cases where the Consignee on the Bill of Lading is indicated by the term "To Order" and the "Notify Party" is a local agent, and in time of issuing the Bill of
Lading, the identity of the final Importer is not yet known, the VAT registration number (or any other official government identification number) of the party indicated in the "NOTIFY" section must be shown.

6. Imported shipments of personal effects consigned to Israeli citizens, the identifying number to be indicated on the Bill of Lading, Waybill or Airway Bill will be the personal Identity Card Number of the citizen. In cases where the imported goods and/or personal effects are consigned to a foreign citizen, the Passport number is to be indicated in the consignee section of the transport document.

7. If shipments are delivered under A.T.A. Carnet, it is obligatory to indicate in the Bill of Lading or Airway Bill, the VAT registration number of company shown as Consignee or the VAT registration number (or any other official government identification number) of the party shown as "Notify Party". Similar requirements as specified for regular Import shipments.

8. If shipments are in Transit or Tran-shipment via Israeli ports, and their ultimate destination is another country, it is obligatory to indicate on the transport document the VAT registration number (or any other official government identification number) of the local Ship's Agent.

9. If the shipment is heterogenic, consisting of several different items/articles which are classified under several H.S. classification numbers (HS Code), it is obligatory to clearly indicate the first 4 digits of the H.S. classification number, of the main imported article, according to it's value, in the shipment.

10. As of October 2013, the Israeli Customs Authority will not accept anonymous Import documents, without showing the VAT REGISTRATION NUMBERS (or any other official government identification number) of both Importer and Supplier or without a clear description of the imported goods and their first four digits H.S. classification number. Goods Transported to Israel under transport documents lacking such required data, will undergo comprehensive as well as intensive check with a possibility of long delays.

11. Please note that as soon as the Israeli Customs Directorate issues their own formal version, we shall forward the document to you.

Faithfully yours,

Barry Pintow, Director
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