



**USA 24-Hour Rule
Circular to Customers No. 2**



- **USA 24-Hour Rule**
- **First affected vessels**
- **Sealing of containers with high security seals**

29th November 2002

Dear Customer,

In our previous circular dated November 18th, 2002, we have informed you about the new US Customs rule and the details to be submitted to US Customs minimum 24 hrs before cargo will be loaded on a vessel.

Attached to this letter you will find the first vessels, where we will require your detailed and complete shipping instructions at the documentation closing time including the 6-digit detailed HS-code under which the cargo is classified **and** the precise cargo description. Due to open points in regard of FMC compliance, legal aspects and U.S. Import procedures, we will continue to transfer the document elements for shipper and consignee as per today's practice. This means we will transfer the shipper and consignee as per carriers master document e.g. shipper : NVOCC , consignee : NVOCC. until further notice within the 60-days grace period. Please note that presenting the ultimate shipper and consignee as part of the marks and number or as part of the cargo declaration is not required.

In addition we are also enclosing the relevant documentation closing times for the individual European loading ports. These documentation closing times have been set taking into account the ETA as per fixed day schedule of the vessel, the deadline for manifest transmission to US Customs and the working time necessary to process the documentation details in our system.

The physical closing times (cut-off) for the ports HAMBURG and BREMERHAVEN will remain unchanged until further notice. The physical closing times for the other major ports will be enclosed to this circular.

We would also like to draw your attention to the fact that as part of the shipping instructions, the seal-no. of the container is required. It is therefore essential that all containers that leave your premises are already sealed with the requested high security seals (bolt). For legal reasons HLCL can not carry out sealing of container. Necessary re-sealing at the terminal will result in a delayed loading.

We therefore also have to insist on complete shipping instructions, including the seal-no. , at the document closing time set. At least at the end of the grace period US Customs will definitely not allow any container to be loaded in Europe, where one or more of the required details are missing in the manifest transmission.

It is expected that there will be no hold-messages from US Customs in the period shortly after December 2, 2002, however there will be no guarantee given on that by U.S. Customs.



We therefore appreciate your co-operation in jointly fulfilling the new US Customs requirements.

Sincerely,

Hapag-Lloyd Container Line

Documentation closing:

Port of loading =	HAMBURG / BREMERHAVEN / ANTWERP / ROTTERDAM
Customer Shipping Instructions closing	ETA of vessel at pol
prior Wednesday 12 Hrs HH Time	Monday
prior Thursday 12 Hrs HH Time	Tuesday
prior Friday 12 Hrs HH Time	Wednesday
prior Monday 12 Hrs HH Time	Thursday
prior Tuesday 12 Hrs HH Time	Friday
prior Wednesday 12 Hrs HH Time	Saturday
prior Wednesday 12 Hrs HH Time	Sunday

Physical closing (cut-off) :

Port Antwerp

Customs closing	Loading start
Friday PM	Monday AM
Friday PM	Monday PM
Monday AM	Tuesday AM
Monday PM	Tuesday PM
Tuesday AM	Wednesday AM
Tuesday PM	Wednesday PM
Wednesday AM	Thursday AM
Wednesday PM	Thursday PM
Thursday AM	Friday AM
Thursday PM	Friday PM
Friday AM	Saturday AM
Friday PM	Saturday PM
Friday PM	Sunday AM
Friday PM	Sunday PM

Port Rotterdam

Physical closing of cargo at the port : 24 hrs prior to vessel's scheduled time of commencing loading operations.



Overview of the first Vessels falling into the 24hrs rule

Week 49

Service:	Vessel								
		Alexandria	Haifa	Izmir	Salerno	La Spezia	Cadiz		New York
AMX	DELAWARE BAY	02. Dez	03. Dez	06. Dez	09. Dez	11. Dez	14. Dez		23. Dez
		Antwerpen	Thamesport	Bremerhaven	LeHavre				Houston
GUMEX	TMM CAMPECHE	02. Dez	04. Dez	05. Dez	07. Dez				23. Dez
		Giao Tauro	Livorno	Genoa	Barcelona	Valencia			Miami
MGX	TMM NUEVO LEON	03. Dez	04. Dez	06. Dez	08. Dez	09. Dez			20. Dez
		Liverpool	Antwerp	Bremerhaven	Gotenburg	Antwerpen	Liverpool		New York
ACL	ATL. CARTIER	03. Dez	05. Dez	07. Dez	08. Dez	11. Dez	13. Dez		24. Dez
		Valencia	La Spezia	Naples	Bremerhaven	Le Havre	Felixstowe	Antwerp	Boston
MSC	MSC KOREA	05. Dez	07. Dez	09. Dez	12. Dez	15. Dez	16. Dez	37608	25. Dez
		Antwerp	Thamesport	Bremerhaven					Charleston
GASS	LYKES LIBERATOR	05. Dez	06. Dez	08. Dez					19. Dez
		Giao Tauro							New York
AEX	NYK KAI	05. Dez							17. Dez
		Hamburg	Rotterdam	Antwerp	Southampton				New York
ATX	BONN EXPRESS	05. Dez	07. Dez	08. Dez	09. Dez				17. Dez
		Antwerp	Hamburg						Montreal
SLCS	CANMAR FORTUNE	06. Dez	07. Dez						17. Dez
		Alexandria	Haifa	Izmir	Salerno	La Spezia	Cadiz		New York
AMX	ENTERPRISE	08. Dez	10. Dez	13. Dez	16. Dez	18. Dez	21. Dez		30. Dez
		Giao Tauro	Salerno	Genoa	Fos	Barcelona	Lisbon		New York
MAS	PACIFIC BRIDGE	08. Dez	10. Dez	11. Dez	13. Dez	14. Dez	17. Dez		25. Dez
		Antwerpen	Thamesport	Bremerhaven	Rotterdam	LeHavre			New York
PAX	HANNOVER EXPRESS	08. Dez	10. Dez	11. Dez	12. Dez	13. Dez			22. Dez
		Thamesport	Antwerp	LeHavre					Montreal
SLCS	CANMAR HONOUR	08. Dez	10. Dez	11. Dez					19. Dez
		Southampton	LeHavre	Rotterdam	Hamburg				Charleston
SGX	PON SYDNEY	08. Dez	09. Dez	10. Dez	11. Dez				21. Dez



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Service:	Vessel								
		Giao Tauro	Livorno	Genoa	Barcelona	Valencia			Miami
MGX	TMM SINOLA	09. Dez	10. Dez	12. Dez	14. Dez	15. Dez			26. Dez
		Antwerpen	Thames port	Bremerhaven	LeHavre				Houston
GUMEX	KÖLN EXPRESS	11. Dez	OMIT	13. Dez	15. Dez				30. Dez
		Hamburg	Rotterdam	Antwerp	Southampton				New York
ATX	PON MARSEILLE	10. Dez	12. Dez	13. Dez	15. Dez				22. Dez
		Liverpool	Antwerp	Bremerhaven	Gotenburg	Antwerpen	Liverpool		New York
ACL	ATL. CONCERT	10. Dez	12. Dez	14. Dez	15. Dez	18. Dez	20. Dez		31. Dez
		Antwerp	Thames port	Bremerhaven					Charleston
GASS	LYKES EXPLORER	12. Dez	13. Dez	15. Dez					26. Dez
		Valencia	La Spezia	Naples	Bremerhaven	Le Havre	Felixstowe	Antwerp	Boston
MSC	BOSTON	12. Dez	14. Dez	16. Dez	19. Dez	22. Dez	23. Dez	25. Dez	01. Jan
		Antwerp	Hamburg						Montreal
SLCS	OOCL CANADA	13. Dez	14. Dez						24. Dez
		Giao Tauro							New York
AEX	KATSURAGI	13. Dez							24. Dez
		Alexandria	Haifa	Izmir	Salerno	La Spezia	Cadiz		New York
AMX	GENUA EXPRESS	15. Dez	17. Dez	20. Dez	23. Dez	25. Dez	28. Dez		06. Jan
		Genoa	Fos	Barcelona	Lisbon				New York
MAS	TO BE NOMINATED	18. Dez	20. Dez	21. Dez	24. Dez				01. Jan
		Giao Tauro	Livorno	Genoa	Barcelona	Valencia			Miami
MGX	LYKES COMMANDER	16. Dez	17. Dez	19. Dez	21. Dez	22. Dez			02. Jan
		Antwerpen	Thames port	Bremerhaven	Rotterdam	LeHavre			New York
PAX	ESSEN EXPRESS	14. Dez	15. Dez	17. Dez	18. Dez	20. Dez			28. Dez
		Southampton	LeHavre	Rotterdam	Hamburg				Charleston
SGX	PON GENOA	15. Dez	16. Dez	17. Dez	18. Dez				28. Dez