

■ New Customs Regulations in Mexico – Circular to Customers No. 1

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Ref: New Regulation in Mexico.

Dear Customer,

We would like to inform you that Mexico Customs Authorities have announced the implementation of the 24 hour Rule Advance Manifest (AMS) for all Import cargo to Mexico from March 31st 2007.

- Back 2005, Customs Authorities in Mexico announced in the Official Gazette the rules regarding this new Regulation. -
- According to these rules Sea Carriers must to provide all information related to the cargo that is being transported to Mexican ports 24 hours in advance of the estimated time of arrival of the ship to loading port. This measure has the same purpose as the United States and Canada Advance Manifest.
- This Regulation will affect carriers and shippers to Mexico since Customs will require an accurate and complete cargo declaration (similar to the US 24 hours Rule).

Hapag-Lloyd is closely following these developments and we will revert with updates as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Hapag-Lloyd