

■ New Customs Regulations in Mexico – Circular To Customers No. 4

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Dear Customer,

Please note the following update regarding of the 24 Hour Rule for Mexico.

Self-filer Scenario:

Section 2.4.13 of the regulation, addresses a 'self-filer scenario' (as known from U.S. 24 Hour Rule/AMS).

It states that 'International Cargo Agents' (NVOCC's and Freight Forwarders) can transmit House Bill(s) of Lading directly to Mexican Customs via custom's web portal 'AMANAC' (<https://seguro.amanac.org.mx>) or have to ask the Shipping Line to transmit the House Bill data on their behalf subject to an additional fee. Please indicate who will file manifest information on your shipping instructions. Ultimately, House Bill(s) data are required by Mexican Customs.

If an NVOCC or Freight Forwarder is unable to provide the information in the proprietary format (not a standard CUSCAR EDI message) required by Mexican Customs, AMANAC offers a software solution to convert the NVO's information before uploading it to their portal. The point of contact for this solution follows:

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It is important to note that a CAAT Code (similar to the US SCAC code) must be applied for by self filers. This code is assigned by SAT (Tributary Administration Service, a division of Mexico Customs). Self filers must apply for this CAAT code by contacting Mexico Customs. Please note AMANAC requires users of their portal to register ahead of time which typically takes three days to process.

Type of Service: As clarification, the information required is whether it's 'FCL' (Full Container Load) or 'LCL' (Less than Container Load) as opposed to 'house/door' or 'port'.

Amount of merchandise and measurement unit: As clarification, 'Amount of merchandise...' should read 'Quantity of merchandise...'

Lastly, 'Pallets' will not be accepted as a description of a manifest packing unit.

We will keep you closely advised of developments.

Kind regards,
Hapag-Lloyd AG