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RE: Implementation of the Advance Filing Rules on Maritime Container Cargo

Dear Sir / Madam:

\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE: Bill to amend part of the Customs Tariff Law and relevant laws has passed through the Diet on March 30,2012.

This amendment states the Advance Filing Rules which require a vessel operator or a NVOCC to obligatory submit to the Customs Information on maritime container cargoes to be loaded on a vessel entering the port of Japan.

In principle no later than 24 hours before departure of the vessel from a port of loading.

\*\*Implementation of this rule shall be effective in March 2014.

\*\*You may visit the Japan Customs website for further details.

http://www.customs.go.jp/english/summary/advance/index.html

Sincerely,