

Dear Airline Members and whom it may concern,

Subject: Enhancement of the Reporting Scheme of Advance Information on Air Cargo

We really appreciate your continued understanding and cooperation with the Customs Administration of Japan.

Japan Customs will enhance the scheme of Advance Cargo Information on air cargo based on the provisions of the Customs Law and the regulations of Japan to ensure further security and safety of international logistics in preparation for holding the Tokyo 2020 Olympics/Paralympics in light of the increasingly severe threat posed by terrorism.

The enhancement of the Reporting Scheme will impose additional legal obligations on the private sector to report information on the House Airway Bill (HAWB), which is the House Manifest Information for consolidated cargo, to Japan Customs, as well as on the Master Airway Bill (MAWB), which is currently related.

The submission of advance information under this scheme will enable the Customs authority to evaluate the risk as early as possible and contribute to the facilitation of Customs procedures. Therefore, we ask that you please cooperate with Japan Customs to ensure the appropriate implementation of this enhancement. On the other hand, it is possible that the discharging of cargo may not be done on schedule and disadvantages may extend to the relevant parties, such as consignees, in cases in which the report is not filed by the deadline and/or a false report is made. Please also note that penalties may be applied.

Please feel free to direct any inquiries to the nearest Customs-house and/or the Enforcement Division, Customs and Tariff Bureau (CTB), MOF.

Outline of the Enhanced Reporting Scheme

- ◇ Party obliged to make the report: Captain
Note 1: An agent, such as the airline, may report on behalf of the Captain.
- ◇ Contents of the report: Information on MAWB and/or HAWB
- ◇ Deadline of the report: 3 hours before arrival at airport in principle
Note 2: Relaxed measures may be applied based on the flight time.
- ◇ Method of the report: Reporting through the NACCS in principle
- ◇ Penalty: Imprisonment with labor up to 1 year or fine up to ¥500,000 in cases in which the report is not filed by the deadline or a false report is made
- ◇ Date of implementation: In FY 2018 (by March 30th 2019)
Note 3: The specific date of implementation will be announced based on the state of the development of the relevant e-System (NACCS etc.).

Yours Sincerely,

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