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Dear Sir,

Submitting the electronic manifest

I wish to bring to your notice the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1886/55 of 31/10/2014.

As per the regulation 10 of the above Gazette notification every cargo reporter should report to Sri Lanka Customs electronically the particulars of all goods, the Cargo Reporter had arranged to be on the ship on voyage not later than seventy two (72) hours before the arrival of the vessel in the first port of call in Sri Lanka.

If the duration of the voyage to a port in Sri Lanka is less than seventy two (72) hours same has to be reported on the departure from the last port outside Sri Lanka.

Failure by the part of the Cargo Reporters to report the particulars of the goods in time has resulted in delays in clearing the cargo from Customs which causes tremendous difficulties to the legitimate traders.

Hence, from the 8th of January 2018 following actions shall be taken by the Sri Lankan Customs.

1. Action will be initiated against shipping lines who fails to submit the manifests in time as per the regulation 10 of the above Gazette notification in terms of regulation 12 of the gazette notification. The freight forwarders are expected to submit their Bills of Ladings electronically as soon as their master BLs are submitted. They should do so only after checking and verifying the content of the master bills of ladings in the AsyCuda system.
2. The temporary facility given to the freight forwarders to submit the bills of ladings to the ASYCDUA World system prior to their master submitting their master BL will be withdrawn from 8/1/2018 due to below mentioned reasons.

The forwarders are routinely submitting wrong data (eg: incorrect package numbers/gross weight/BL numbers). This has resulted in the manifest not getting registered due to mismatch of data between the master and the forwarder BLs. Hence, the ultimate consignees are getting penalized as their goods cannot be released.

Freight forwarders should prepare a valid xml as done prior to Customs provided them the facility to submit BLs before the master submitted his BL. In this regard I wish to bring to your notice that

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the Customs ICT division had already provided a software to the freight forwarders to prepare their xmls which is also available at the Customs website (ASYCUDA—Downloads—Guides—Manifest Creation xml samples—xml interface).

Your cooperation in this regard is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely.



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