



Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and fruitful New Year, and keep on reading our Newsletter in 2009!

You wish to know more about Polytra? Visit us at the next industry fair we join in India: **29-31st of January 2009 : 'Mission of the Golden Commercial Triangle of India'**
Visits in Delhi, Mumbai and Pune will be organized.

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Specifications on implementation of China 24hrs rule

Effective January 1st 2009, China customs require full cargo manifest details to be submitted electronically 24 hours prior to loading. The objective is to standardize china customs administration of manifest and safeguard international trade security. This regulation applies to import, export and transshipped shipments at China - excluding Hong Kong.

Parties who have the obligation to transmit electronic manifest details include operators of transportation, freight forwarders, shipping agencies and postal enterprises. Failure to comply with China customs requirements will risk shipment to be prevented from loading/discharging, additional costs incurred or fines imposed.

The data elements required by customs are in the finalizing stage. As a result of these regulations, please be prepared for the following:

- 1/ Adjustments on the documentation submission deadlines (import and export)
- 2/ Provide complete and accurate shipment details as follows:

- a) To declare piece count/package type/commodity/gross weight/measurement per container
- b) To declare multiple commodities/HS codes by sequence
- c) In case of Dangerous Cargo emergency contact person and telephone number are requested
- d) To declare the harmonization code at least first 6 digits
- e) To declare completed information in Shipper/Consignee/Notify party as follows

Company Name:

Address:

City/Province:

Postcode:

Country:

Communication type & number:

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Implementation of Piracy Risk Surcharge

Effective January 15th, 2009, a **Piracy Risk Surcharge** will be implemented in the amount of USD 20/TEU for all Far East westbound cargo transiting the Gulf of Aden. The surcharge is imposed following the rising risk of piracy which is posing a threat to our crew, cargo and vessel. Consequently we are faced with increased insurance premiums and other costs needed in order to maintain a minimum security level required.

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America Trade lane: Consumer Product Safety Certificates

On November 18, 2008, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued a final rule concerning the certificate of compliance required under the recently enacted Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA, effective November 18, 2008). The CPSIA requires a certificate for all consumer products manufactured on or after November 12, 2008.

The CPSC has been inundated with inquiries about how to comply with the certification requirement and with requests to evaluate products and specify what regulations, standards, bans, etc., might apply to them. The CPSC states in the final rule that it is the responsibility of the manufacturer of the product as a normal incident of doing business to know what legal requirements apply to its products. Manufacturers and retailers have always been required to know which rules apply to their products and to assure that their products comply with those rules. In order to streamline the certification process, the CPSC is now limiting the number of parties who must issue conformity certificates, unless a pre-existing CPSC product standard requires otherwise. Foreign manufacturers and private labelers of imported products no longer need to issue certificates, nor do they need to be listed as parties on the certificates.

For imported products, only the importer needs to issue the conformity certificate. The certificate for imported products must be available no later than the time when the product or shipment is available for inspection in the United States. For products manufactured in the United States, only the domestic manufacturer needs to issue the certificate. The certificate for domestic products must be available prior to introduction of the product or shipment into domestic commerce. A consumer product is any article produced or distributed for sale to a consumer for household, school, recreational, or other use, consumption or enjoyment by a consumer.

Products that are considered exempt from designation as a "consumer product" are products not produced or distributed for sale to or to be used, consumed or enjoyed by a consumer; tobacco and tobacco products; motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment; pesticides; firearms and ammunition; aircraft and aircraft parts; boats; drugs, devices or cosmetics; and food.

The certificate must be in English and also may be provided in any other language.

The certificate must contain the following information:

- Identification of the product covered by the certificate
- Citation to each CPSC product safety regulation or statutory requirement to which the product is being certified
- Identification of the importer or domestic manufacturer certifying compliance of the product, including name, full mailing address, and telephone number
- Contact information (name, e-mail address, full mailing address, and telephone number) of individual maintaining records of test results.
- Date and place (city, state, country) where product was manufactured. If the same manufacturer operates more than one location in the same city, the street address of the factory should be provided.
- Date and place where the product was tested for compliance
- Identification (name, full mailing address and telephone number) of any third party laboratory on whose testing the certificate depends

The certificate must "accompany" each product or shipment of products, must be made available to CPSC and Customs & Border Protection upon request, and must be supplied to each distributor or retailer of the product. The certificate does not need to be furnished to the ultimate consumer. The certificate can be in hard copy, such as a label on the product, a label or attachment on the shipping container (e.g., box, carton, crate), included on the commercial invoice, or a separate document.

The final rule of November 18, 2008, now allows the certificate to be electronic. The electronic certificate can be posted on a website for inspection, so long as the certificate can be produced immediately for inspection. An electronic certificate satisfies the "accompany" requirement if the certificate is identified by a unique identifier and can be accessed via a web link or other electronic means. An electronic certificate must have a means to verify the date of its creation or last modification.

A sample certificate and FAQ's are available at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/about/cpsia/faq/elecfaq.pdf>
The final rule dated November 18, 2008 is available at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-27356.pdf>

Information on what products may or may not be regulated may be found at:
<http://www.cpsc.gov/businfo/reg1.html>

Overall information on the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act is available at:
<http://www.cpsc.gov/about/cpsia/cpsia.html>

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Best regards,

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Holiday Notification

Please take note of following official holidays in 2009 in Hong Kong:

Lunar New Year's Day	26. Jan	Monday
The second day of the Lunar New Year	27. Jan	Tuesday
The third day of the Lunar New Year	28. Jan	Wednesday
Ching Ming Festival	04. Apr	Saturday
Good Friday	10. Apr	Friday
The day following Good Friday	11. Apr	Saturday
Easter Monday	13. Apr	Monday
Labour Day	01. May	Friday
The Buddha's Birthday	02. May	Saturday
Tuen Ng Festival	28. May	Thursday
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day	01. Jul	Wednesday
National Day	01. Oct	Thursday
Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival	03. Oct	Saturday

Chung Yeung Festival	26. Oct	Monday
Christmas Day	25 Dec	Friday
The first weekday after Christmas Day	26 Dec	Saturday

Japan offices will be closed on **Jan. 12th 2009**.

Fuel

Fuel surcharges for truckings ex Antwerp/Zeebruges/Rotterdam go down from 12% to 9.5% as of January 1st 2009.

BAF/CAF

Please visit our website to view the latest surcharges and THC : www.polytra.be

Others

Other surcharges such as, but not limited to, ISPS, LSF, PSS, VPS, NPC, SUZ will be charged as per outlay in our tariff quotes.

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