



Dear Sir, Madam,

Management and staff of Polytra are wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year!

Import from China and India

Most of the shipping lines took the chance to increase their rates and/or surcharges from the Far East and India before the start of Chinese New Year (14/02/2010). At the same time shipping lines are reducing the speed of the vessels and will be able to bring in the vessels which are currently unemployed (today an estimated number of 633 vessels are not being used). All the measures taken so far result in space problems from all Chinese ports to Europe. This situation is not expected to improve before end of February.

Polytra Dangerous goods handling

Polytra has now 12 staff members who are successfully certified by the Antwerp Port Authorities to handle the documents for dangerous goods.

Pre-manifesting procedure in China ports

Chinese Authorities earlier decided to implement a pre-manifesting procedure applicable to all import, export and transshipment cargo from/to/via any mainland Chinese ports (Hong Kong and Macau excluded).

Whilst the implementation date has been postponed a number of times already the date set forth and until further notice still standing, at least for North China, was January 1st 2010. Shenzhen Customs office has already commenced 24hrs rule as of 10/12/09, implying that for the ports of Yantian, Shekou and Chiwan only, pre-manifesting requirement is basically already in place.

Scope of the measure: (requirements & consequences to export cargo bound for - or transshipping at Chinese mainland destinations)

- Manifest of containers to be loaded will need to be presented to Chinese customs authorities by latest 24hrs prior to vessel eta at POL implying.
 - Any Bill of Lading data not received before this cut off time can- and will not be loaded on the vessel.
 - Penalties for late changes to manifest will be levied and will range between CNY 200 and CNY 20,000.
- In order to comply with the above deadline, it is evident that documentation closing times are adjusted to ensure full compliance with the requirements from China Customs and secure loading of your cargoes.
- Bill of Lading data will need to meet certain criteria such as yet not limited to:
 - The Shipper, Consignee and Notify Party must have full address details, including contact details (telephone or fax number)
 - There is nothing yet to indicate that "to order" BLs are no longer accepted but please ensure that the full address of the notify is shown.
 - Clear, correct and accurate cargo descriptions are required - terms as FAK, consolidated cargo, parts will no longer be acceptable (In conjunction with EU Guidelines on acceptable cargo descriptions – see attachment).
 - HS Codes must be used wherever possible.As it is more than likely this will quickly become mandatory information for 24 hr rule compliance, shipping lines' policy is to make this a mandatory from the start.

Remarks:

- Please also see attached mandatory field list as well as list with guidelines on acceptable goods description and first draft on China 24 hours Customs Manifest Process.
- It is likely that during the first weeks there will be a number of changes to requirements as China Customs complete their own systems.
- A large number of optional items of information are likely to become mandatory at some time after the start date.

Shipments to Nigeria – New regulation !

A Cargo Tracking Note is - with effect from 11th January 2010 onwards - part of the documentation required for cargo clearance in Nigeria. Consequently, each bill of lading must correspond to a Cargo Tracking Note issued by authorised representative. The Company: "Transport and Ports Management System (TPMS) Ltd (TPMS Antaser Afrique)" which is designated by the Federal Government of Nigeria has been confirmed as the sole representative of Nigerian Ports Authority and the only authorised agent to issue a Cargo Tracking Note.

Time2meet!

FRANCE

March 23rd - 26th 2010 : SITL PARIS

INDIA

March 20th - 27th 2010 – Mumbai - Pune

EUROPE

Mai 18th - 20th 2010 – 5th Breakbulk Europe Fair - Antwerp

Best regards,

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FUEL SURCHARGE

As of August 1st 2009, fuel surcharges for truckings ex Antwerp/Zeebruges remain set at 5%
Fuel surcharges ex Rotterdam: 7% as from August 1st onwards.

OTHER SURCHARGES

All surcharges such as, but not limited to, AGF, PRS, BAF, CAF, BUC, ISPS, LSF, PSS, VPS,
NPC, SCS will be charged as per outlay in our tariff quotes.

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FAST QUOTES

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