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House Bill Submission Regulations by US Customs for Auto NVOCC Customers

Dear Customer,

As a valued customer of Maersk Line(Safmarine), we would like to inform you that US customs has been regularly escalating cases of deviation to the CT-PAT (Customers Trade Partnership Act Against Terrorism) rules and have put more stringent checks on all the categories of manifest filed with them. One of the regular errors is with the House bill filing information.

As per the US customs rule, carrier is NOT supposed to file House bill for customers who are registered as Auto NVOCC (NVOCC - Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier) with US Customs. House bills are strictly to be submitted by the Auto NVOCC customers directly to US Customs and carrier is responsible to submit ONLY the Master Bill of lading.

Hence in order to comply with US Customs rules and regulations and avoid penalties to both us and your good offices, we as a carrier will not be accepting any House bill of lading information from all the registered Auto NVOCC customers with effect from Monday, **May 12th, 2014**.

We continue to work with the authorities and to keep you informed of further updates.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Maersk Line customer service representative for any questions.