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Pakistan's Ministry of Commerce imposed Ban on Import of Non-essential Items

Dear Valued Customers,

Pakistan's Ministry of Commerce for Imports and Exports issued a circular SRO No. 598(I)/2022 dated 19th May, 2022 and announced a ban on the import of luxury or non-essential Items to Pakistan. This ban by the Government is introduced in a bid to stabilize the domestic economy.

The Federal Minister of Information and Broadcasting has stated that the measures have been taken to save the critical foreign exchange reserves for next two months. However, how long the ban will be in place is not confirmed yet and it will be maintained until further notice. Therefore, please see below and make sure to check if your shipment is prohibited or not, before submitting a booking request.

■ **Effective Date** : Immediate

■ **Banned Items (Refer to the attachment)** :

Luxury vehicles / Mobile phones / Home appliances / Dry fruits / Fruits / Other food items / Crockery / Private weapons / Shoes / Chandeliers and lights / Ornaments and decorative items / Sanitary ware / Doors and window frames / Carpets / Tissue papers / Makeup items / Shampoos / Confectionery / Heaters / Sunglasses / Cigarettes / Musical instruments / Chocolates

■ **Remark** :

If the final destination of the shipment is Afghanistan via Pakistan, the above banned commodities are acceptable, subject to adding 'In Transit Clause' on the B/L ("***Cargo is IN TRANSIT TO Afghanistan (a location name that is not the same with the location name on the PVY column of the B/L) at the consignee's own account and risks, liner's responsibility ceases at Pakistan (input PVY location name of the B/L)***").

■ **Attachment** :

1. Pakistan Authority's Circular SRO No. 598(I)/2022
2. News Article Reference

Should you have any inquiries, please contact your CS/Sales representative in HMM local office.

Sincerely,