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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS

Changes to Entry-Exit Inspection & Quarantine regulation in China

In order to promote and boost the growth of Chinese imports and exports, the Entry-Exit Inspection & Quarantine Export/Import Commodity Catalogue has been adjusted as follows:

1). 1507 commodity codes related to general industry products will no longer require CIQ inspections. Of these 1507, 1420 commodity codes have been completely withdrawn. 87 codes however will be tested under entry/exit animal and plant quarantine protocols and will remain in the Entry-Exit Inspection & Quarantine Export & Import Commodity Catalogue.

Dangerous chemicals, fireworks, lighters, toys, stroller products, food contact products, automotive, rare earth and other industrial products will still require CIQ export testing. Dangerous chemical goods packaging and other dangerous goods packaging will still undergo durability and performance testing.

2). Lignite products which possess dual HS codes will fall under the jurisdiction of the CIQ bureau. The importer/exporter or agent thereof must possess CIQ inspection certification directly issued by the Entry-Exit Inspection & Quarantine bureau in order to perform customs formalities.

3). Finally, according to initial determination, 3 large categories covering 47 subclasses and 1507 commodity codes will no longer require CIQ inspection. Of these classes, machinery and textiles are the 2 main categories which will benefit from declassification from the CIQ bureau. It is currently understood that the troublesome costume jewelry commodities will also no longer require CIQ export inspections.

Up to now, the Entry-Exit inspection & Quarantine Export/Import Commodity Catalogue consists of 2141 commodities. As of 15th August 2013, 1507 of these codes (or 70.43% of the total existing commodity catalogue) will no longer require CIQ inspections.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your account representative.

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