

## Client Advisory

### AMS filing process for FROB shipments crossing US waters.

Dear Valued Customer,

In order to comply with the Container Security Initiative (CSI) imposed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, shipping lines have additional responsibilities related to the transmission and presentation of Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier (NVOCC) house bill of lading information **when cargo is transhipped in a foreign country and then subsequently routed through a US controlled waters and ports.**

India export shipments **destined to Mexico**, which are scheduled **transship at Kingston, Antwerp or Rotterdam and then call the U.S. territory**, before arriving at destination. Even though cargo will not be discharged at US ports, all Freight Remaining on Board (FROB) cargo must be filed with U.S. Customs before the shipment is **loaded on** the first leg crossing US waters.



(Only cargo to following PODs in Mexico: Altamira, Veracruz and Manzanillo)

In order to confirm to this requirement and prevent delays in manifesting and delivery of the shipment, CMA CGM Agencies (India) Pvt. Ltd. now requires that house bill of lading information be provided to CMA CGM as instructed below:

1. It is important for all Customers to inform CMA CGM at the time of booking whether they are a non-automated or an automated NVOCC or not a NVOCC. Booking shall be confirmed only when the said information is provided.
2. Non-automated NVOCCs must submit their complete house bills of lading with their shipping instructions to CMA CGM so that we can input of information into our system and transmit it to U.S. Customs.
3. Automated NVOCCs must transmit their house bill electronically to US Customs via vessel Automated Manifest System (AMS) or the Automated Broker Interface (ABI) and submit their house bill of lading numbers to CMA CGM for inclusion in the manifest.

If the requested information is not provided, the manifesting of your bill of lading by CMA CGM will be suspended until the information is received. This could cause additional delays at the transshipment port if the information is not provided in a timely manner. In such cases, all charges associated with the holding of cargo (i.e. demurrage, storage, etc.) will be applied to the account of the cargo.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please contact your local CMA CGM Agencies (India) Customer service representative.

For current schedule activity please visit our Web site at [www.cma-cgm.com](http://www.cma-cgm.com).

Best Regards,

CMA CGM Agencies India Pvt. Ltd.  
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