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SSC France Advisory Dangerous Goods (DG)

Dear business partner,

In consideration of the globally increasing number of incidents and accidents, relating to the Transport of Dangerous Goods (DG) and in view of the subsequent implementation of severe fines by ocean carriers, **SSC Consolidation Belgium, France and The Netherlands** will now adjust the punitive penalties that were already implemented and imposed in case of infringements and/or neglect previously.

As of January 01st 2023 any DG shipment found to have been dispatched non-compliant to the IMDG code (mandatory edition) will entail a DG misdeclaration fine of **Euro 10.000,00**. This irrevocable monetary punishment will be applicable and due irrespective of the nature or degree of non-compliance with immediate effect after detection.

Said penalty is being debited by SSC Consolidation to discourage illegal DG Transport related practices and to protect life and limb of all parties in the chain of transport.

It does not include any actual incident related costs / charges or fines by other entities and/or authorities which may / will be charged separately / additionally.

Neither will this penalty, hinder, limit, forestall or forfeit the carrier's rights accredited under the Bill of Lading in any way.

The non-/mis-declaration of a shipment with potentially dangerous properties is a criminal offense !

Failure in properly declaring hazardous materials prior dispatch in accordance to the IMDG code is a violation of internationally binding laws and regulations.

Any such violation may (will) be subject to further severe monetary fines and/or criminal prosecution and sentences under applicable laws and jurisdiction.

SSC Consolidation holds the causative party liable and responsible for all costs and consequences related but not limited to violations, fines, damages, incidents, claims, and corrective measures

resulting from cases of undeclared or mis declared cargo.

General provisions and requirements pertaining to the Transport of Dangerous Goods can be found in the IMDG code. Apart from the foresaid, we once again remind you that DG shipments may only be sent with our written consent and approval and it must be emphasized that any Freight Forwarder, Cargo Agent, Packing Station staff and others engaging in the transport of Dangerous Goods must undergo initial and recurrent training to ensure that the consignments and related processes are compliant to the compulsory laws and regulations at all times.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

SSC Consolidation France