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## NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

### New U.S. Import Cargo Security Requirements

To help prevent terrorist weapons from being transported to the United States, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is requiring that importers transmit several information to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) about the cargo they are transporting prior to loading cargo at foreign ports of entry. Known as the "10+2" rule, these requirements became effective on January 26, 2009.

In addition to the data items currently required under the CBP's 24-hour rule, both importers and ocean carriers are required to provide additional information intended to enhance identification of high risk shipments. The rule requires importers to submit an electronic "Importer Security Filing" to CBP at least 24 hours before cargo is loaded aboard a vessel destined to the United States with the following information:

1. Seller name and address
2. Buyer name and address
3. Importer of record number / FTZ applicant identification number
4. Consignee number(s)
5. Manufacturer (or supplier) name and address
6. Ship to party (name and address)
7. Country of origin
8. Commodity Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTSUS) number
9. Container stuffing location
10. Consolidator (stuffer) name and address

This filing must be submitted through a CBP "approved electronic data interchange system" - such as the Automated Manifest System or Automated Broker Interface and associated with the appropriate Bill of Lading number. In order to assist you in submitting a timely ISF, CMA CGM is providing Bill of Lading numbers as early as possible.

As your carrier, CMA CGM is required to submit - also through the electronic data interchange system - both the Vessel Stow Plan and Container Status Messages for all services and cargo bound for the U.S. For FROB, IE, or T&E cargoes booked on CMA CGM vessels, CMA CGM submits an abbreviated ISF (known as the "ISF+5"), including the booking party's name and address, the port of loading, point of delivery, identification of the "ship to" party, and the HTSUS number.

Should you required additional information regarding the application of the "10+2" rule, or the division of filing responsibilities under the rule, you may contact me directly or visit CBP's Web site at <http://www.cbp.gov>.