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Dear Valued Customer,

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**Japan 24 Hour Advance Manifest Rule**

Effective with vessels sailing the port of load on or after March 10, 2014, all manifest data must be submitted to Japan Customs no less than 24 hours prior to vessel departure from the port of load. The regulation applies to all cargo discharging or transshipping at a Japanese port. The effective date is based on departure from the port of load for the vessel that will arrive at a Japanese port.

In order to comply with this new regulation, "K" Line America, Inc. will implement advance documentation cut-offs to ensure adequate time for bill of lading processing and submission to Japan Customs. The advance cut-offs will apply to all cargo with a First Port of Discharge **or** Place of Delivery of Japan; both of these items can be found on your booking confirmation. *Please remember that the regulation applies to **all** cargo that discharges in Japan, even if final delivery is to another country.* The advance documentation cut-offs will be finalized and announced at a later date.

Shippers are encouraged to begin their transition to advance documentation cut-off compliance prior to March 10, 2014 by providing the shipment instruction **as early as possible**. Once the Japan 24 Hour Advance Manifest rule is in effect, "K" Line America, Inc. will adhere to a "No Documentation, No Load" policy for shipments destined to or via Japan.

In order to ensure a smooth transition in compliance with the regulation, the Japan 24 Hour Advance Manifest Rule will apply to the following start vessels:

MOL Explorer 060W	Hanjin Marseilles 0162W **
MOL Express 076W	Cosco Fos 010W
Baltimore Bridge 033W	Cosco Valencia 005W
Granville Bridge 050W	Glen Canyon Bridge 052B **
Hanjin Long Beach 0026W **	Suez Canal Bridge 060B **
Hanjin Lisbon 0075W	Cosco Venice 0004W **
YM Eternity 0040W	

All NVOCCs that issue house bills of lading must clearly indicate their intent to file a house bill of lading directly to Japan Customs on each bill of lading instruction submitted to "K" Line America. Any bill of lading instruction that does not have this declaration will be manifested as a simple BCO bill of lading.

Please visit the **Advisories and Announcements** section on [www.kline.com](http://www.kline.com) for additional information on this new regulation.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

"K" Line America, Inc. Export Services

**\*\*** These vessels have already departed and cargo will be delivered to Japan via a transship port. Departure from the transship port will be within the regulation timeframe. "K" Line America, Inc. will contact you for any missing data elements.