

Sea Waybills instead of Original Bill of Lading

Due to the far-reaching measures, as a result from the coronavirus, taken by almost all companies to let work their employees from home office, it is difficult for carriers to issue the original B/L.

In order to avoid delays in shipping the original B/L, we would like to ask our customers to consider the following options:

- Switching to Seawaybill (no Order-Blanko-B/L) – taking into account country regulations and payment terms
- Printing of the original B/L directly at the port of destination – this results in costs which are charged to the recipient on site or have to be invoiced to the customer.

General Peak Season Surcharge from North Europe to India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

The extensive disruptions of international supply chains are now well known and are reflected in all media. Due to the pandemic spread of the coronavirus which has been caused. Many carriers have reacted to this with a high number of cancelled departures (blank sailings) in traffic Europe – Asia / Asia – Europe and in traffic from and to India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka. This has led to considerable capacity shortage in shipping space and shortage of empty equipment problems. As a result, carriers are announcing the introduction of new surcharges on a daily basis, ranging from a Peak Season Surcharge (PSS) to an Equipment Imbalance Surcharge (EIS).

We have summarized these surcharges for the Indian subcontinent – India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka in order to continue our good service quality and to simply for our customers a “General Peak Season Surcharge”.

The “General Peak Season Surcharge” is applicable as from Wednesday, 01.04.2020 for shipments from Northern Europe (incl. Scandinavia and the United Kingdom) to India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The surcharges are as follows until further notice:

- USD 500.00 per 20'DC
- USD 650.00 per 40'DC

Please note that this will continue to cause delays in transit time and shortage of ship capacity. Due to multiple bookings, the ship capacity is also reduced. The carriers introduced a cancellation fee, which is charged additionally. We will charge the additional fees to our customers.

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Kind regards

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