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INDIA CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS

India is implementing additional documentary requirements for all shipments effective April 1, 2018. Indian customs will be requiring more Consignee information printed on the ocean bill of lading to ensure the importer exists and will claim the cargo. The additional required details are the consignee's Import & Export Code (IEC), GST Identification Number (GSTIN) and importer's email address.

The shipper will be required to obtain this additional information from their customer to ensure export documents comply with India's regulations. UFO will be requesting this information on the shipper's letter of instruction for affected shipments. We appreciate your prompt attention to obtain the required information from your contacts in India. Our compliance with importing regulations helps ensure your cargo moves smoothly through customs clearance.

More information on this new regulation can be found here: http://164.100.155.199/pdf/PN-2018/PN_033.pdf

TRUCKER SHORTAGE CONTINUES

The nationwide trucker shortage continues to impact available capacity in all markets. The decreased productivity with electronic logging device (ELD) mandates, a 17 year low unemployment rate and increased operating costs continue to shrink supply. UFO continues to work to establish additional trucker capacity, but do expect the current climate to continue for the next several months. We'd like to remind our shippers to book shipments as far in advance as possible so that we may alert the trucking companies to reserve drivers for your shipments and eliminate additional freight costs.

ISRAELI CUSTOMS CHANGE

Due to an update in the trade agreement between Israel and United States, a certificate of origin will no longer be required for Israeli imports. Instead, a declaration statement needs to be added to U.S. shipper's commercial invoice.

Declaration requirements can be found here: <https://www.export.gov/article?id=Israel-Documenting-Origin>.

Thank you for your continued support!

Please contact Marc Mugfor (mmugfor@ufold.com) with any questions or concerns.

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