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INDIA CUSTOMS REQUIREMENT

India has recently launched amended cargo manifest regulations for all shipments effective. Indian Customs is requiring that we provide the Permanent Account Number (PAN) for the importing Indian customer on the instructions UFO provides to the carrier on your behalf. Please contact your customers in India as soon as possible to obtain this number. Please provide the PAN on your shipper's letter of instruction to UFO for all India shipments in the future to avoid possible delays and demurrage charges.

DDP for German Imports

EU customs laws do not allow import declarations by companies outside of the EU. When shipping to EU countries with DDP terms, the shipper is responsible for hiring an agent to perform customs clearance on their behalf.

In Germany, due to the tax laws, the agent becomes financially responsible for the import taxes for DDP shipments. For many years the agents and German customers have made this work, potentially not in line with how the law was written. It is unclear if the law is being interpreted correctly. While this issue is being litigated, Germany agents are declining to represent in DDP shipments. We recommend that you instead use the terms Delivery at Place (DAP) or Delivery at Terminal (DAT) to avoid any issues in the future.

Please contact Marc Mugfor (mmugfor@ufoltd.com) with any questions or concerns on the above information.

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