



# Universal Forwarding Overseas, Ltd. Newsletter

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## **EGYPT – NEW DOCUMENT PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Universal Forwarding Overseas (UFO) would like to make you aware of a new requirement that became effective January 15, 2016. While we do not have an official regulation issued by the Egyptian government, several resources have advised that all documents must be presented from a U.S. bank to a bank in Egypt regardless of payment terms. We suggest that you contact your customer in Egypt prior to shipping to determine the bank contact details for proper consignment and presentation purposes.

## **EAST COAST SNOWSTORM / PORT CLOSURES**

We contacted several steamship lines regarding port updates after the weekend's devastating snowstorm. Many lines advised that the ports were closed Monday and Tuesday and a few were opening late. We hope that the ports will be able to resume normal business very soon and that the sailings from the East Coast will not experience major delays.

## **BRAZIL – WOOD PACKING MATERIALS – DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Based on the new regulations instructions being implemented by the Brazilian Customs Authorities – MAPA Brazilian Normative Instruction 32/2015 – concerning Wooden Packing Materials, Brazil exporters and importers will be required to provide Wooden Packing Material details when submitting shipping instructions. This process will go into effect February 1, 2016 and will apply to shipments containing wood packaging material, originating from Brazil, destined for Brazil, or being part of transshipments via Brazil. When submitting your documents to UFO, your letter of instructions should clearly indicate the following:

- Wooden Package: Not Applicable (no wood or wooden packing in this shipment)
- Wooden Package : Treated and Certified
- Wooden Package : Not-Treated and Not-Certified
- Wooden Package : Processed

## **CHINESE NEW YEAR 2016**

This year the official celebration of the New Year in China is from February 7–13, 2016 with February 8 celebrated as New Years Day. Please coordinate with your customers in China to arrange shipments based around this holiday to avoid delays and possible storage charges.

As always, please contact Marc Mugfor (mmugfor@ufold.com) with any questions or concerns on the above information.

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