

■ **India - Mandatory Declaration of GSTIN, IEC and e-Mail address of Importer on the Bill of Lading**

March 12, 2018

Dear Customer,

Further to our customer letter dated February 13, 2018 with regards to mandatory requirement of Goods and Tax Identification Number (GSTIN), please be advised that the Commissioner of Customs has issued a public notification # 33/2018 dated March 7, 2018 which stated that shipping lines should capture basic information of the importer in India on the Bill of Lading.

Importers are accordingly required to ensure that following basic details are forwarded to their exporters abroad so that these details can be incorporated on the Bill of Lading. In view of above, you are requested to provide below information at the time of submitting Shipping Instructions at Origin:

- Import and Export Code (IEC) of importer
- GST Identification Number (GSTIN) of importer
- Official e-Mail ID of importer (to be used for correspondence by shipping lines and customs)

Effective date for above is April 1, 2018 i.e. all Bills of Lading issued on or after April 1, 2018 should contain aforesaid additional details.

For further information please contact your local Hapag-Lloyd office.

Kind regards,

Hapag-Lloyd India Pvt. Ltd.  
as agent of Hapag-Lloyd AG