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Germany – Customs Regulations Important Information Regarding German Customs Manifest Requirements

To ensure smooth customs clearance processes, we are implementing enhanced quality standards for data submitted via German local Customs Manifest.

For all import cargo discharged at German ports of Hamburg, Wilhelmshaven and Bremerhaven, carriers are required to transmit complete and accurate import manifests to German Customs Authorities no later than 24 working hours prior to vessel arrival. This manifest transmission must include all laden containers in full alignment with carrier documents issued without exception.

To prevent clearance issues and associated costs, please observe the following requirements:

- Always provide a clear, accurate, and specific cargo description (valid trade name of the cargo) in the first three lines (within 140 characters), listed under 'extended cargo description' in shipping instructions/bookings.
 - Additional lines may be used for information not relevant to local Customs authorities.
- Ensure that cargo name, number of positions, weight, and piece count exactly match the related commercial documents.
- Ensure that all HS Codes used are accepted under [TARIC EU Customs tariff](#) regulations
- Ensure that each commodity group is manifested with the respective HS Code.
- Note that any cargo/commodity mix-up under one HS Code will not be accepted.

Individual Cargo Positions Required - One Position per HS Code:

Shipping instructions must contain separate cargo positions for each cargo loaded, differentiated by different HS codes. For example, if there are 20 different HS codes, 20 separate cargo positions must be created.

While creating multiple separate cargo positions requires more time than entering all data as flow text into one position, the shipper's accuracy at the beginning determines the outcome for the consignee at the port of discharge. An incomplete customs manifest will result if the shipper does not work correctly.

Quality Control Indicator:

When shipping instructions are completed correctly, the weight of individual cargo positions will be stated on the right side of the Bill of Lading. If individual weights are NOT stated on the right-hand side of the B/L, this indicates the data was manually inserted as flow text, which will not lead to more than one position within the customs reference.

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Example:

INCORRECT		CORRECT	
Number and Kind of Packages	Gross Weight	Number and Kind of Packages	Gross Weight
72 CARTONS Socks – 40CT – 2000kgs HS Code 6115 9500	3750 kgs	40 CARTONS Cotton Socks Women HS Code 61159500	2000 kgs
Shirts – 20CT – 1000kgs HS Code 62052000		10 CARTONS Cotton-blend Shirts Kids HS Code 62052000	1000 kgs
Pants – 12CT – 750kg HS Code 62034200		12 CARTONS Denim Pants Men HS Code 62034200	750 kgs

When using the Hapag-Lloyd's Shipping Instructions web-based solution, you can find the option to add more cargo items under step 3 – *Container and Cargo*:

Cargo Item 1 of CPSU 4005364

No. of	Kind of Packages / UN Packing Code	Print the Kind of Packages on BL as
<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input style="border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="text" value="AA IBC, rigid plastic"/>	<input style="border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="text" value="IBC, RIGID PLASTIC"/>

Gross Weight	Gross Volume (optional)
<input type="text" value="16000"/> <input type="text" value="kg"/>	<input type="text" value="10"/> <input type="text" value="cbm"/>

Net Weight (optional)	Net Volume (optional)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

HS Code

Marks & Nos (optional)	Description
<input type="text" value="Enter Marks and Numbers"/>	<input type="text" value="COTTON"/>