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Dear Sirs,

Implementation of Cargo Management Module - "Imports" Formats for Voyage Number and Vessel Name

As you are already aware SLPA has been developing the software system to facilitate automated import cargo clearing operations through Port of Colombo. The system will enable Consignees/Clearing Agents to make service requests for cargo clearance and make payments on line without visiting any SLPA office. It creates a paperless environment for cargo collection. It also can be extended to automate receipt of Customs Release Orders.

This software system has been designed to automatically capture container data, discharge date etc. from the SLPA Terminal Operating Computer System (Navis TMS) database. In order to ensure a seamless interface between this Cargo management Module and Navis Database it is a mandatory requirement to use key data fields. SLPA has identified the **Voyage Number** and the **Vessel Name** as key data fields common to both Asycuda e-manifest and BAPLIE/TDR.

As such it is very important that correct data is contained in manifest/BL and BAPLIE/TDR for each of the two data fields. Based on our observations in sample documents, we kindly request you to follow the undermentioned formats to ensure compatibility among systems.



(a) Voyage Number

Please use the five digit voyage number as used in BAPLIE/ TDR in the data field <Voyage-number> under <General-segment-id> in ASYCUDA Manifest Format

(b) Vessel Name

- Please use the data field with TAG Name <Identity-of-transporter> under <Transport-information> SEGMENT.

You may take note of the importance of under mentioned two data fields as well in manifest/BL.

(i) <Number_of_packages> in <ctn_segment>

It has been noticed that few Operators ignore this data field and do not include the correct quantity of packages. It is an area to be addressed.

(ii) <Ctn-reference> in <ctn-segment>

Every container has a four alphabetical character code followed by a seven digit number. Insertion of other characters e.g. underscore_ before last digit to be avoided.

Please keep your membership informed accordingly.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully



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