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Customs Policy

Policy Code: DCP (23)

Policy Name: Stating Containers, Palettes and Trailers in the Manifest or a Document in place of Manifest.

Policy details:

By virtue of the provisions of Para (a) to Article (44) of the Common Customs Law of the GCC States regarding number of packages and manifest, the following have been decided:

Article (1)

For the purposes of this policy, the following words shall have the meanings hereby assigned for them:

Containers: means large boxes equipped with doors or removable sides. They are equipped with fittings (hooks, rings, castors, etc) to facilitate handling and securing on the transporting vehicle, trains or vessel having a commercial value, of robust construction and intended to be used repeatedly. They are designed for packing packages or bulk goods including containers designed for transport of specific type of goods and equipped with fittings enabling to affix seal thereon for verification of tampering purposes

Palettes: means boards or decks of wood or metal slightly raised from ground by rafters for stacking, consisting of two decks separated by bearers or a single deck supported by feet and designed essentially for handling by means of fork-lift including crates shaped palettes having a commercial value and intended to be used repeatedly.

Trailers: means transport vehicles of commercial value having two or more sets of wheels and a coupling system mounted on the swiveling front which steer the vehicles and used for the conveyance of materials and goods.



Article (2)

The number of packages by which goods are imported shall be stated in details in the manifest and customs declaration, whether or not assembled in any way whatsoever.

Article (3)

The number of packages being imported in each container, trailer or palettes shall be stated in the manifest as a single unit subject to the following:

- Stating the number of palettes, containers or trailers in the delivery order, manifest and customs declaration.
- Attaching a detailed list containing quantity, weight, type, marks, numbers and contents of each package as well as names of goods existing in each container, palettes and trailer.

Article (4)

Notwithstanding the forgoing provisions of Article (3), the status of goods being imported in containers, palettes or trailers under bills of lading for several persons and for which the shipping agent issues delivery orders to their owners, shall be considered.

Article (5)

This policy shall come into force as from 1 / 1 / 2009.


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