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Subject : Import Control System 2 (ICS 2) effective March 1, 2023 impacting all shipments entering or transiting the European Union

Dear Valued Customer,

As of March 1st 2023, the European Union will be implementing a new Customs security and safety program “Import Control System 2 (ICS 2)” to reinforce Customs risk management in an integrated EU approach and aims to provide an extra security layer to the existing civil aviation security requirements.

Pre-loading advance cargo and mail information will be used by the EU customs authorities to perform air cargo and mail security risk assessments to detect immediate threats to aviation security.

ICS 2 is relevant for all cargo and mail with origin in a third (non-EU) country with destination or transit in the EU. Economic Operators will have to declare safety and security data, through the Entry Summary Declaration.

Lufthansa Cargo is preparing for this new requirement by adapting the existing processes and several IT systems in order to ensure compliance to the authorities’ regulation.

Kindly notice that a successful introduction of the changes required by ICS 2 regulation will depend on your active participation.

Effective from March 1, 2023: the reporting to EU Customs will change from pre-arrival to pre-loading reporting with shipments needing prior clearance before being loaded onto any aircraft bound to the European Union.

Transportation of shipments to or via EU will only be possible when the **mandatory 6-digit Harmonized Commodity Codes (HS6) of the inbound goods on HAWB level** has been provided to the carrier.

Please ensure that this additional mandatory data is included in your FWB and FHL messages before the goods handover, so that Lufthansa Cargo can perform the mandatory ICS 2 reporting to EU customs authorities.

Further, with ICS2 it will be possible for the forwarder to do the filing of pre-loading advance cargo information (PLACI) directly to customs. In case you wish to use the option of a PLACI- Self-filing, please contact us for further alignment to ensure a smooth process flow of goods through our network.

Please notice that failure to provide this additional information may delay goods at the EU airport of entry.

We kindly request you to provide the mandatory data for the ICS 2 reporting as of January 1st 2023, so we can ensure an effortless introduction of the regulation.

Further detailed information on “Import Control System 2 (ICS 2)” can be found at the following link:

European Commission:
https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/customs-4/customs-security_en

We thank you for your attention and cooperation on this important topic.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us anytime.

Sincerely,

Your Lufthansa Cargo Team