
NOTICE TO TRADE

TO: ALL CARRIERS AND PARTIES INVOLVED
FROM:
DATE: AUGUST 26, 2005
REF: LOCAL TAX PROCEDURES

To reconfirm my 'Notice to Trade' dated July 7, 2005 in which I explained the new local tax procedure being implemented by the Treasury Department on all shipments arriving into Puerto Rico.

In this notice I explained that all companies in Puerto Rico would be experiencing added delays in obtaining their shipments and in clearing the local excise taxes.

As of today, this situation has not improved in the area of household goods and automobiles being handled by bonded moving companies arriving into Puerto Rico, either by sea or air.

The majority of air freight forwarders and NVOCC are still not on line with the local government, as they are still in the process of installing all programs, thus causing more delays as we must wait for them to validate all shipments arriving manually.

This situation is causing extreme delays in obtaining our bond to pick up shipments and clearing local excise taxes. We are estimating that from the moment of arrival, a given shipment might take from 3 to 4 weeks to clear and be made available for delivery. Note that this is just an estimate, as it might take longer.

We as always will be doing out utmost in working with the local government, but note that until this situation is perfected any and all delays in coordinating delivery dates causing the shipment to fall into possible demurrage / storage charges will be invoiced back to you.

Also note that _____ will not accept being held liable for meeting possible confirmation of a delivery date to a given client. Please advise this to your clients as to avoid any further misunderstandings.

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