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Mandatory Palletization of Import Cargo for Saudi Arabia

Dear Valued Customer,

This is to inform you that with eff. March 1st, 2022, the Saudi Ports Authority (MAWANI) requires all inbound cargo to Saudi Arabia to be palletized. This regulation has come forth with the aim to improve, adhere to best methods and international standards, and to ensure safety of all involved when handling/dealing with the shipments.

Exceptions to this regulation has been advised for the following cargoes (which will be regularly reviewed and advised accordingly in case of any changes):

1. Dry or liquid bulk materials that are carried directly on their means of transport (such as wheat and other grains, cement, gypsum, petroleum materials, etc.)
2. Raw materials that are contained in jumbo bags with heavy weights that are difficult to place on pallets
3. Heavy machinery, equipment, production lines, generators, machinery, etc.
4. Metal products that come in the form of large rolls, coils or flats and other materials that are difficult to load on pallets, such as insulators, cardboard, carpets, and such related cargoes
5. Iron skewers, large pipes, scaffolding, and such related cargoes
6. Furniture in general
7. Pneumatic outer tires
8. Marble, stones, and raw granite

The authority has further stated that implications resulting due to non-compliance shall be dealt legally by the competent authorities on the cargo owners. Therefore, please ensure to share across this info with respective parties for their information and adherence.

Enclosed is the Port Circular for further reference on the subject regulation.

If you require any information on specific shipments or sailings, please contact your local ONE customer service team or account manager.

Yours faithfully,



Ocean Network Express Pte. Ltd.