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APL adopts “No VGM – no load” policy

APL announced April 6 they will be implementing a “No VGM, No Load” policy by the July 1 deadline. Further, some selected terminals operators may adopt a “No VGM, No Gate-in” policy instead at their premises. More complete information is on their website at

http://www.apl.com/wps/portal/apl!/ut/p/z1/vVVNc9owEP0tPXCKWssfsogTRwokBTHgH3RyLacqOMPgg1t8usrG0oKBEInM_HJ2n2r1Xu7WqEQzVFYsLV4YLUoC5bJdRAaVDPtPtxoeHjr39lg37ITbzC9x1euhmYt4Na1HNc1setq0IP-GLTh9XcLdJug8KTbHYOCpihEYVzUi_oRBWyR0ZyJohI1p3FZ1LyoMxFlQDo68FjmvP2IFaMPWRmxrOLxainq5525KjNWNVsuYpGgAAxDVwFAixjRVBxHJOVpytKIcaakBDFIpxVfPiso6EhiQzqS6b0mVbNJP2zSS0cHbtr0Dcaz6Zj_qigrEjriiWA7s7Oqaglb2slaVOVS8GrnwqDoZ9Vq5dhTCzzDlm7dHbleD1_bsI2Hvc-G3gT3JEv3FI8WfwYQXILtM4Dw6Hj_HITGh29A9hm8t0e4T9K8wSr0yXh45U1AAAYIPAcciB5IFOQlwMPKaPWbOiN71UaA0i6KiZ0Noi2YP_GuqRkTTTdBSBbCqxaaZYGalnBgmJISbKGhP6NzPm5Y72fEfbjnnnn7jKVtl9RuQyykt-VqUq6qh5omXS-gpgAbvVUByFz-fnkJb3v2G9O8azf_j8hd_pcg3UmzN8ZYne-V5UOrDhldfS_3Dv5pI9GdOg92YijlOSSLHlGEQHCDgWjpYFhAj0nCUWuRQ0ON7-1mC7lwtgY26J8fBVt0LR_HgveHzQY5nX4xF7uemmd935-D6HdZ9MKjIzSfdVlgqmq2znM6quwvfwAptAWC/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/

[Ed. note: The US Coast Guard has taken the position that they already have procedures in effect in the US that provide carriers with correct weights, and they will not enforce SOLAS in the US. As noted, APL is still requiring a VGM, and other carriers may well follow suit. Further, your foreign consignees may be required to furnish the VGM at port of discharge. We urge you to have a VGM process in place in advance of the July 1 deadline.]

Shipping Lithium Ion Batteries as Cargo on Passenger Planes Banned as of April 1 (From our friends at Sandler Travis)

The Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has issued a safety advisory notice to inform those

engaged in the transport of lithium batteries in commerce of recent actions taken by the International Civil Aviation Organization to enhance the safe transport of these goods by air. Effective April 1, lithium ion batteries are banned as cargo on passenger planes. Cargo with these batteries already installed are permitted, as are lithium ion batteries brought on board in carry-ons by passengers and crew. For more info, please go to:

<http://www.strtrade.com/news-publications-lithium-ion-batteries-passenger-planes-040716.html>

ADD/CVD cases from NME's proliferate

We continue to see antidumping and countervailing duty cases against producers in non-market economies, especially China and Vietnam. Some of the better known cases are wooden bedroom furniture, aluminum extrusions, and bearings, but there are many others including PET resin and film, honey, hand trucks, heavy forged tools, and wooden laminated flooring. It is solely the responsibility of the importer of record to know if/which ADD/CVD cases apply. If you import, especially from NME's like China and Vietnam, it is important that you engage a service that monitors ADD/CVD activity in those countries for your products to avoid unpleasant duty surprises. Alternatively, you may choose to regularly monitor the ITC website at

http://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/731_ad_701_cvd/investigations/active/index.htm

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