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New European Union Security Regulations Effective January 1, 2011

Pre-arrival filing provisions for all EU bound air cargo will become a legal obligation as of January 1, 2011. ICS (Import Control System) is the electronic security declaration system for the importation of goods into the European Union.

Air carriers are responsible to transmit an Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) to the first EU Customs entry point considering the following time limits:

- Long haul flights (more than 4 hours): 4 hours prior to arrival at the first EU-airport
- Short haul flights (less than 4 hours): latest actual take-off

This applies for all cargo import and transit in an EU airport as well as for freight remaining on board (FROB). Norway and Switzerland are within the scope of ICS.

Air carriers will transmit one single ENS per Master Airway bill. To ensure that the ENS is filed in due time, air carriers will require complete shipment data prior to loading. Therefore it is essential that you send the following data elements to your DB Schenker office as early as possible and within the time frame provided by your DB Schenker booking office:

- Number of packages
- Cargo gross weight
- Goods description
- At least first 4 digits of the HTS code
- UN dangerous goods code (if applicable)
- Shipper information – detailed address data
- Consignee information – detailed address data
- Destination
- SLAC count
- Payment code (pp or cc)

DB Schenker is currently developing and implementing system enhancements to ensure that we are fully prepared to comply with these requirements. We will keep our customers updated as this progresses during the weeks ahead.