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About the Advance Filing Rules (AFR)

The Advance Filing Rules (AFR) requires detailed cargo information to be submitted to Japanese customs via NACCS at least 24 hours before a ship departs from the port of loading. This system aims to enhance international logistics security, including counter-terrorism efforts.

Inaccurate reporting can hinder customs risk analysis and negatively impact reporting parties and consignees. Customs may also request corrections after submission, so it is important to regularly review and update the information. Please refer to the following specific examples of inappropriate reporting and cooperate with appropriate reporting.

Cases of improper reporting

- Failure to report by the deadline

If the report is not carried out by the reporting deadline, the ship cannot be unloaded unless permission is obtained from the customs office that has jurisdiction over the port of unloading.

In addition to this, if the report is not carried out by the reporting deadline or if a false report is carried out, it may be punished by imprisonment for up to one year or a fine of up to 500,000 yen.

- The incorrect NACCS SCAC Code prevents customs from verifying the House B/L submission.

We noticed that the SCAC code of the relevant master B/L is not entered correctly when registering house B/L information in AHR operations a number of times.

In that case, since the house B/L cannot be identified by customs, please check the master B/L number and SCAC code carefully before registering information in AHR operations.

- **Double entry of SCAC code**

AMR : ABCDXXXX

AHR : **ABCD**ABCDXXXX

- **Difference in SCAC code**

AMR : ABCDXXXX



AHR : **WXYZ**XXXX

*AMR : AFR operation for Master B/L *AHR : AFR operation for House B/L

- There are discrepancies in reported informaton.

If there are discrepancies in reported informaton, we request temporary suspension of ship unloading. Please check the contents carefully before registering your information.

- **common discrepancies in reported information**

	Error	Case1 JAPAN	Country name only
		Case2 CHIYODA KU TOKYO	Prefecture name only
		Case3 1-1 , 3 CHOME	Street address only
	Correct:	1-1 , 3 CHOME KASUMIGASEKI CHIYODA KU TOKYO	In the address field, enter the state, province, city, street, street number, building, etc. correctly. In the case of Japan, enter the prefecture, municipality, town area, street number, building, etc.
	Error	Case1 PHONE	The numbers are not entered.
		Case2 TEL:(0)3-1234-	The telephone numbers are cut off.
		Case3 111111	Consecutive numbers are not entered.
	Correct:	1987654321 0312345678 09012345678	It is possible to enter up to 14 digits in the phone number field. Please do not enter unnecessary symbols such as "TEL:", but enter only numbers from the area code.

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