

## ■ New China Customs Regulation – Customer Letter No.2

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Dear Customer,

Further to our customer letter no.1 which was distributed in April, we would like to advise that there have been various meetings between carriers/customs held in the past months in order to exchange views.

In August Data Elements (Manifest Fields List) were published by Customs. However, the XML (EDI) Format and Operational Guidelines have yet to be published. The XML Format is expected to be published in October and the Operational Guidelines end of November. Customs expect to complete their own system development by November when both internal and external testing will be conducted.

Understand that Customs will most likely allow three months grace period from January 1st until March 31st, 2009 when carriers will not be penalized for errors or failure to comply. However, there is no official announcement to this effect.

Hapag-Lloyd will continue to monitor the development and keep you posted in due course.

Kind regards,  
Hapag-Lloyd AG