

**DHL Express** 

# China Customs Requirements Customs Announcement Order 33

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**ORDER 33)** 

and personal effects.



#### CHANGES TO CHINA CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS FOR DUTIABLE SHIPMENTS Harmonized System Codes ("HS Code") All shipments, with the exception of DOX, being exported from/imported into China will require a Harmonized System code ("HS Code) to be indicated on customs declaration forms. 3 MAIN Importer and Exporter Customs Registration Codes ("CR Code") **CHANGES TO CHINA** • All importers and exporters in China are required to register with Customs authorities for an importer or exporter Customs Registration code ("CR Code"). This CR Code is **CUSTOMS** to be indicated on customs declaration forms of all shipments, except for documents (CHINA

#### **Duty Exemption Withdrawal for Samples and Advertising Materials**

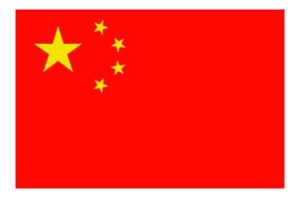
Samples and advertising materials not exceeding RMB 400 (approximately AU\$ 75) in value are currently exempted from duties and taxes. This duty-free value threshold will no longer apply, and the new threshold will be based on the duty liability, as determined by the HS Code. Any shipment with a duty liability less than RMB 50 (approximately AU\$ 8) is exempted from duties and taxes.



The main reason the Chinese Government introduced the "Order 33" into their Customs legislation was due to the revenue leakage and smuggling.

For example, the de minimis value is reduced to counteract the splitting of shipments to evade duties and taxes. The CR No's and HS codes are supposed to combat smuggling by providing Customs with a better means of tracking exporters/importers and identifying the goods content, respectively.







These new regulations will be mandatory by 1 January 2011

> The main point to make is that there is a **4 week lead time** to process a "CR Number" through Chinese Customs, therefore to minimise delays your Customer needs to have a CR Number applied for by 1 December 2010.

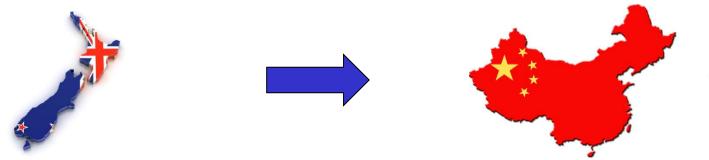
These new requirements affect all players in the logistics industry – CAPEC are working with China Customs to ensure it is a level playing field for Air Express integrators including EMS & postal shipments



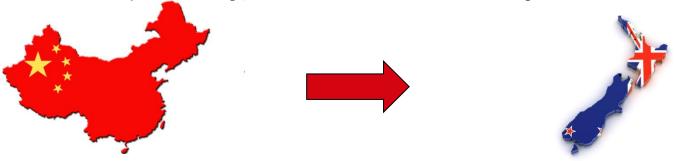


As previously mentioned, your Customer needs to contact their contact in China (whether they are importing or exporting) ASAP and have them register for a "CR Number" due to the lengthy time process of 4 weeks.

If **Exporting** to China - *your Customer* needs to ensure that the "CR Number" is entered onto the awb along with a detailed description of the goods and the main HS code relating to the main item of the shipment.



If **Importing** from China – *the Shipper* will need to ensure that the "CR Number" is entered onto the awb along with a detailed description of the goods and the main HS code relating to the main item of the shipment.

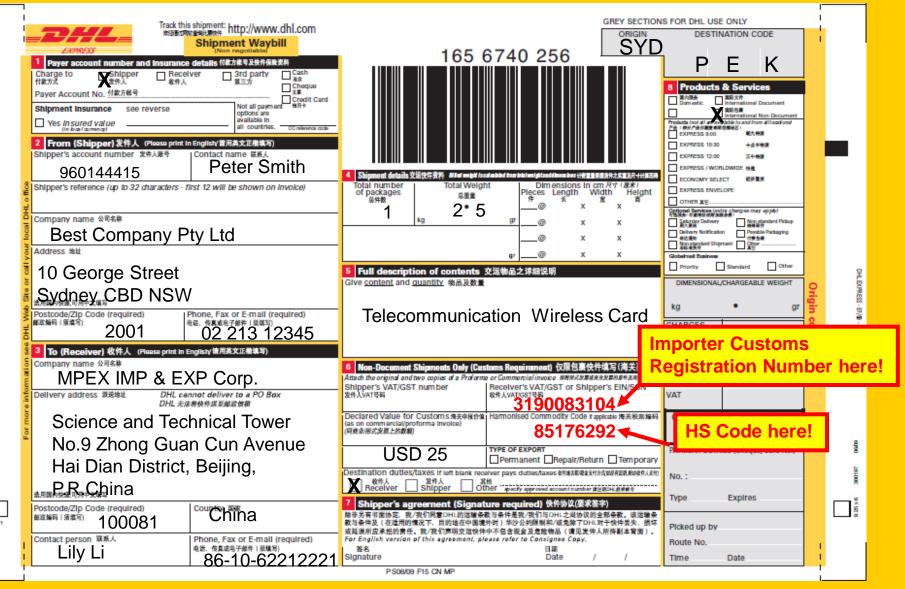


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All Shipments, except for DOX will be affected.

**Personal Effects shipments (PFX),** for private individuals shipments these can be cleared as Personal Effects but Customs Duty will still be levied based on the PFX duty rate. The value limit is CNY 1000 (AU\$150) When the value exceeds this limit, the shipment will be cleared as a normal WPX Shipment and duty & taxes will be levied

**B2C Shipments** – As consignee's will not be able to register for a CR Number, the DHL CN Team are currently working with China Customs to find potential solutions to minimise delays in clearance processing



### What are HS codes?

The Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) tariff system is an international standard system of names and numbers for classifying trade products throughout the world. This was developed and maintained by the World Customs Organization (WCO)

### Where can I get the HS code/s from?

There are several places where the HS code can be obtain from, here are a few...

# Trade Automation Services (TAS) <u>http://tas.dhl.com/tas/servlet/login</u> HS Codes – <u>www.hscode.org</u>

The Customer is required to use the HS code that covers the majority of the goods being shipped on the awb. Yes, there will generally be more HS codes to use, but this will the profile for China Customs to identify what types of goods are being shipped through their borders.

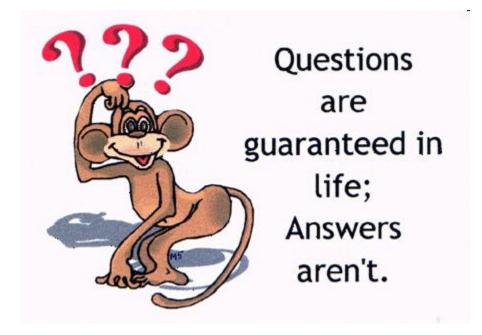






- The requirements for each shipment from 1st Jan 2011
  - Importer/Exporter Customs Registration number (CR)
  - All WPX shipments with a HS code
  - All shipment declared values to be fair and reasonable
  - Complete and full shipment content description
  - If the Customer uses E-com the CR No & HS codes are to be entered in the 'Description of goods' field







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# Europe Customs Requirements Import Control System

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### What Changes?

There is a new electronic security declaration management system - Import Control System (ICS) and legislation for the importation of goods into the European Union and transit via the EU customs territory, will take effect January 1, 2011.

While the Import Control System will impact all goods entering and transiting the EU customs territory via all modes of transport, the legislation will not apply to document shipments (i.e. non dutiable items - DOX).

### What does this mean to my Customer?

From a customer's perspective, it is critical that you advise them to provide an accurate and detailed goods description (see recommended 'ICS External Goods Description List') on their shipping documentation (House Waybill and Shipping Invoice) to ensure that their shipment are facilitated smoothly via ICS. This will also minimize the chance of their shipment being selected for an ICS Inspection.



#### Examples of insufficient description and acceptable alternatives

Non specific	Acceptable
Agricultural products	Oranges, Fish, Rice, Bread
Aid consignments	Blankets, Medications
Auto Parts	Automobile Brakes, Windshield for Automobiles
Chemicals, hazardous	Actual Chemical Name (not brand name)
Chemicals, non-hazardous	Actual Chemical Name (not brand name)
Cleaning products	Alcohol, Detergents (composition)
Electronics	Personal Computer, televisions LCD, CD Players, Walkmans, Tape Recorders, Mobile phones, Monitors, Printers
Foodstuffs	Biscuits, Sacher Cake, Canned Meat, (See other examples for "Agricultural products")
Machine parts	Pumps, Seals, Engines
Machinery	Metal Working Machinery, Cigarette Making Machinery, Sewing Machines, Printing Machines



