

Italian Customs Regulations effective May 1st 2016

Contship Italia Group Marine Terminals

Effective 1st May 2016, the national competent authority, “Agenzia delle Dogane e dei Monopoli” will introduce a number of procedural changes by implementing the “Nota Agenzia delle Dogane prot. N. 45898/RU 19.04.2016” that incorporates the provisions and guidelines of the Union Customs Code – UCC (EU Regulation No. 952/2013).

An important change involves the period of “temporary storage” status of cargo and containers, where many may remain in container terminals, once discharged. (Ref. UCC - Section 3 - Article 149 of UCC “End of temporary storage”)

Please be reminded that for customs purposes, storage within the port / terminal of discharge is considered as “temporary” for a period of 45 days, thereafter, if VAT & Duty has not been paid as per the statutory regulations, cargo and containers may be considered as abandoned and consequently placed at the order of the local competent authorities for further action (to be determined).

Upon initial discharge, cargo and containers are declared as ‘A3’ status (temporary storage) and subsequently changed to ‘A4’ (longer-term storage) at the exclusive decision and option of the local competent authorities.

Effective May 1st 2016, the A3 status may be considered to be up to 90 days – clause 4.6 of the Contract for the Provision of Container Terminal Services, as well as Appendix II (items 13.10-12) and Appendix III (section 10) refers.

This change is deemed not necessary to trigger a formal change of the contractual terms and conditions at this time, however, the following Contship Italia Group Marine Terminals:

- ✓ Porto Industriale Cagliari S.p.A.
- ✓ La Spezia Container Terminal S.p.A.
- ✓ Medcenter Container Terminal S.p.A.
- ✓ Terminal Containers Ravenna S.p.A.

.....would like to make our customers aware of this change, whilst at the same time ensuring there is no dilution in the focus of timely identification of any distressed imports that may result in a change of status, thereby resulting in extra cost, inconvenience and loss of availability of containers.

All Contship Italia Group Marine Terminals have low import dwell times, as cargo and containers flow efficiently through the system. Any goods that have been subject to a status change from A3 to A4, as a result of restraint by local competent authorities represents an extremely modest share of total volumes.

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