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CHINESE CUSTOMS ALERT: 2010 WORLD EXPO

The World Expo is to be hosted in Shanghai China from May 1st through October 31st 2010. For those who managed shipments into Beijing before, during, or after the Olympics in 2008, you will already be aware of the extreme security measures undertaken by the Chinese Government during events like this.

From April to November 2010, 100% inspections of all air shipments both INBOUND and OUTBOUND are expected. Customs has informed local agents in China that there will be delays with clearances starting almost immediately and that there will be zero tolerance for prohibited items in air shipments. Heavy fines and penalties will apply for non-compliance (up to and including revocation of customs licenses).

Please advise clients and accounts accordingly. We highly recommend requesting updated customs information prior to packing and/or sending air shipments so that there are no issues when the shipment arrives in China.

Please check back as IAM will continue to update this alert whenever there is any news.