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New Rule for Vehicles - IMO

Dear Valued Customer,

Changes introduced in Amendment 35 of the IMDG code mean that with effect from 1.1.2012 it will be mandatory to ship cars as hazardous cargo Class 9 UN No 3166 unless they meet certain criteria (IMDG code Special Provision 961).

From 1.1.2012 cars will only be acceptable as non hazardous if we receive a declaration in writing from the shipper that they comply with Special Provision 961 of the IMDG code.

Suggested wording:

"We confirm that the vehicle offered for shipment complies with the requirements of IMDG code Special Provision 961 and that the fuel tank(s) of the vehicle is empty and installed batteries are protected from short circuit"

For regular bookings from same shipper we can accept a single letter with a validity of 1 year.

Globally there seems to be some confusion on the meaning of the word "empty" in relation to fuel tanks. The IMDG Code does not give a definition thus it may vary from country to country and will be based on the decision of the Competent Authority of the country. For example in the GBR the Competent Authority has stated empty is when car is run until it stalls.

Cars packed in containers are to be stowed as per the requirements of the IMDG code.

We thank you for your business and continued support and constantly strive to remain your reliable, stable and competent partner. We look forward to continually serving your global transportation needs.

Kind Regards,
Maersk Line

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