

Would like to notify you that Japan Customs has announced a new 24 hour Advanced Manifest Regulation, to take effect from March 2014. The rules require all ocean carriers and Non Vessel Operating Common Carriers (NVOCCs) to submit a list of customs-defined data elements to Japan Customs at least 24 hours prior to vessel departure from the Port of Loading. The regulation is applicable to all cargo loaded on foreign trading vessels intending to enter a port in Japan, while empty containers, cargo on platform container and cargo not to be discharged in Japan are exempted. When the filing is made 24 hours before loading of a cargo on a vessel, carriers and NVOCCs can receive an advance notice before loading of the cargo.

For more details about the requirements and FAQs, please see the following information from Japan Customs:

<http://www.customs.go.jp/english/summary/advance/index.htm>