

## US Customs Requirements

### Launch Bulletin – Freight Forwarders Sydney

Recently, we wrote to you regarding imminent changes to the US Customs import reporting requirements for US bound shipments. The purpose of this letter is to reiterate the requirements, and to provide you with an effective start date.

Under these new rules, all airlines will be required to provide electronic Manifest and Master AWB information to US Customs at least four (4) hours prior to the arrival of the aircraft in the USA. Furthermore, if any consolidated shipment to the USA is uplifted across more than one flight, it is the airlines responsibility to provide US Customs with electronic House AWB information for each flight, including stowage pieces, weight, description and House AWB number, for each House AWB uplifted. And in addition, total pieces down to the lowest packing denominator must also be reported to US Customs. This last requirement means that airlines will need to know the total piece count down to this level whenever a bypass container or shrink-wrapped freight is presented.

In order to comply with these requirements, Qantas will need forwarders to provide Master (cargo IMP – FWB version 6 message) and House AWB (Cargo IMP - FHL version 2 full format message) information for US destined consolidated shipments electronically. Non-consolidated US destined shipments will require only Master (cargo IMP – FWB version 6 message) information. These electronic messages must be received by our freight management system before the freight is presented at acceptance.

The three options for providing such data are:

1. Direct from your host system to ours - we have been in contact with software developers regarding our requirements so they will be able to advise you of your system's capabilities.
2. Through the SUBMIT FHL and SUBMIT FWB functions on [qantasfreight.com](http://qantasfreight.com) - These services are free of charge and available to all forwarders.
3. Via the Ezycargo web portal.

Furthermore, we also require that you present the following at acceptance:

- Loading manifests for consolidated shipments loaded across more than one ULD - These manifests must show where each House AWB is loaded across each ULD at a piece level

- A copy of the House AWB manifest
- A copy of each individual House AWB being presented
- The total piece count for the shipment must be notated in the Shipper Remarks section of the Master AWB

Failure to comply with these requirements will result in US Customs imposing financial penalties and /or delay of freight clearance in the USA.

Lastly, we do understand that some forwarders have self-reporting capabilities with US Customs. However, because shipments may travel on more than one flight/date, and because it is the carriers responsibility to report specific House AWB information under this scenario, we require the above-mentioned information even for self-reporters.

In closing, to effectively implement this new process without affecting the freight product in an adverse way, Qantas ask that the above requirements become effective 07<sup>th</sup> July for all shipments originating Sydney. This gives us sufficient time to address staff training and other implementation requirements before the 13<sup>th</sup> August deadline with US Customs, when we know that compliance will be strictly enforced and non-compliance penalties will result.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,

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