



## **US Customs Requirements**

### **Forwarders**

As you will be aware, changes to US Customs import reporting requirements for US bound shipments will be enforced from August 13, 2004.

I recently asked for your assistance on supplying to Qantas information which would progress our ability to comply with the new US Customs reporting requirements, thank you for those responses.

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.

In order to comply with these requirements, Qantas will need forwarders to provide Master (cargo IMP – FWB message) and House AWB (Cargo IMP - FHL message) information for consolidated shipments electronically. These electronic messages must be received by our operating 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. Your provider 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. Further information regarding this service will be made available through your local Freight Sales Office once development is complete.
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

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.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,

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