



Information Bulletin

Brazilian Import Legislation

Yesterday, the Brazilian government issued a statement announcing an unexpected but very important change of legislation impacting on almost all imports into Brazil.

The surprise announcement advised that almost all imports must have an Import License issued prior to shipment. Importers failing to adhere to the new legislation will be fined. This new legislation came into effect on 26th January 2009, without prior notice. An initial investigation has established that automotive parts are included in the new requirement.

Our Brazilian office is in contact with all GKN Freight Services' offices that are arranging the shipment of cargo to Brazil, to identify everything currently in transit and affected by this new ruling in an endeavour to have these consignments licensed immediately. All cargo that has not yet departed will be delayed until license applications have been submitted and licenses obtained. Under normal circumstances licenses take approximately 3 days to obtain. However, due to the late advice of the new legislation it is expected that demand will be high in the coming days resulting in a longer issue time.

GKN Freight Services is doing everything possible to minimise the impact and control the situation.

Should you have any immediate concerns please contact us.

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