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New Thailand Customs Regulations Require Marks and Numbers on Bills

On November 13, 2017, Thailand's Customs Tariff Decree B.E. 2560 states that all cases or packages containing goods shall "bear [shipping] Marks and Numbers and such marks and numbers shall be shown on all documents relating to such goods." (Section 59) This action has been implemented to prevent incorrect deliveries, accidents, losses, and damages resulting from improper storage or improper cargo identification.

There has been some discrepancy among carriers and forwarders in the interpretation of the provisions, which were first published in May 2017 via the Royal Thai Government Gazette. However, our regional offices inform that importers and exporters must clearly indicate shipping marks and numbers on the commercial documents (invoice and/or packing list) so that the forwarder would be able to display the same **Marks and Numbers** on the air waybill (HAWB) and bill of lading (HBL). As such, customers should provide clear shipping marks on their documents to prevent any potential impact to shipment transit schedules due to issues with customs brokerage.



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