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*****URGENT – ACTION REQUIRED*****

Chinese Postal Code Requirement UFLPA (Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act)

As we are sure you are all aware from our prior newsletters, as well as other sources that the new requirement for the Chinese postal code as a required data element to the manufacturers identification (MID) has been set to become effective on **March 18, 2023**.

The new data element will be required for all goods manufactured in China in whole or in part. The new postal code requirement will be used to provide CBP with more accurate targeting of goods that may have been produced (or raw materials mined, farmed or further worked) in the Xinjiang Autonomous Region which potentially could have been produced using forced labor.

As a result of this implementation, it will now be required that all commercial invoices presented for Customs clearance include the full name and address of the actual manufacturer. If possible, including the MID code would be very helpful and will speed up the clearance process. If you need assistance creating these codes for your manufacturers, we are happy to assist.

Please do keep in mind that many US Importers purchase goods from other entities other than direct manufacturers such as selling agents, and middlemen companies. In all these cases the seller must list the actual manufacturer of the merchandise being imported as using the sellers information for MID construction for any goods manufactured in China will no longer be allowed.

As a result of the above we are requesting that you contact all of your Chinese suppliers to make sure they add to the Commercial Invoice, the full Name, Address, and **postal code** of the **actual Manufacturer**. This will help ensure that the Manufacturer information will be accurate when we transmit the information to CBP.

We encourage all clients to use our tools (AmeriReports) to gain access to what manufacturers we currently have on file and to check to ensure that addresses are correct and that they include the China Zip code for all entities. If you are not set up to access AmeriReports please send a request to techsupport and they will send you the required forms/affidavits to enable you to access our systems. Or you may contact your customer service representative and we can provide the list of entities we have on file.

For reference, CBP has provided the importing community with some guidance on the subject, and we encourage you to read it carefully so you are informed. We have also provided a current UFLPA Entity list of forced labor offenders. Please see the following links:

<https://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/uflpa-operational-guidance-importers>
<https://www.dhs.gov/uflpa-entity-list>

As always if you have any questions please feel free to call us or send us an email to compliance@shipamerican.com

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