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To our valued New Import Customers:

Thank you for choosing LSIdaho Inc. (www.LSidaho.com) for your import needs.

All shipments coming into the USA from foreign countries requires a Customs Entry. The following information is required to ensure a legal and compliant declaration to Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

The territories of the United States, for Customs purposes, are the States of the United States of America, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Shipments that have an "exception" for Customs Entries still must make declaration of their exception.

Entries with exceptions:

Human remains and their flowers. Telecommunication transmissions, records, diagrams and data for business purposes, articles returned from space, aircraft and parts thereof under certain circumstances while used for international transport.

Shipments that are imported into the United States via U.S. mail, courier, aircraft, ocean vessel or vehicle of any kind require a Customs entry or declaration when crossing into the territory of the United States.

Customs requires declaration of the "Country of Origin". The country of origin means the country of manufacture of the goods, NOT the country where you bought the goods.

All products, with few exceptions, require that the Country of Origin be marked on the goods imported into the U.S.A. The reason is to ensure the end buyer of the goods knows where the product they purchase is manufactured.

The value declared to Customs is first and foremost the total price paid or payable for the goods. If an importer pays a foreign company for engineering, design or other valued services by foreign companies to make the final product, the additional costs for these services are called "assists" and are dutiable.

If payment is not made for the imported goods, there are other ways of valuing the goods, based on certain requirements.

If goods are subject to trademark or copyright requirements (Disney, NBA, Nike, etc.) logo or media, the importer must have a letter from the trademark or copyright holder stating the specific importer is allowed by them to import the goods. If you do not have this letter, you will not be able to import the goods.

The U.S.D.A. has restrictions on wood packing materials entering the U.S.A.

Make sure you understand what is required if your product is imported with wood packing materials.

Certain items are regulated by Other Government Agencies (OGA). They include the FCC, FDA, DOT, Fish and Wildlife, Department of Agriculture, the EPA, etc.

Importers are liable for all declarations made on their behalf by Customs brokers. Importers are liable for all duties. If an importer pays duties to the U.S. Customs broker and the broker does not make payment to Customs, the importer is liable. Therefore the importer has the right to give their broker a check payable directly to CBP. The broker is required by law to submit to Customs within 48 hours of receipt of a duty check payable to CBP.

Errors made by the broker on the importer's behalf are considered importer errors. Therefore it is important the importer understands and agrees with the declaration made by their broker within required time.

Importers are required by law to issue a "Customs Power of Attorney" to the Customs Broker who makes entry on their behalf. The importer is also subject to a Customs Bond for each entry. Customs brokers typically sell an "Importer bond". Importers can buy "Single Entry Bonds" or "Annual Customs Bonds. Which bond to buy is based on the number of entries and the values of entries made by an importer per 12 calendar months.

A Customs Broker is licensed by Customs and Border Protection based on a test, personal background check and compliance results of the broker. A broker is a good resource to all importers.

Above is a quick overview of importer's requirements. More information is available on CPB website: <http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/>

The above information is an overview only and does not ensure an importer's compliance with U.S. Law.

LSIdaho Inc. values your questions and business. We support new importers. Please give us a call!



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Supply Chain Security Initiatives

LSIdaho Inc. is a certified participant of the C-TPAT program, a partnership between the trade community and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), to establish supply chain security processes throughout the global supply chain to prevent terrorist devices from entering the United States.

We encourage you to develop and maintain a security program within the guidelines of C-TPAT, with emphasis on ensuring the integrity of all your shipments. Together we will work to prevent the introduction of unauthorized materials into any cargo container/trailer or other shipping conveyance. Minimum C-TPAT guidelines are available on the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) website at

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/cargo_security/ctpat/security_guideline/.

After reviewing these criteria, you should implement any security and/or trade compliance improvements that are directed by CBP and consider applying for C-TPAT membership.

It is also important that you educate your suppliers, shippers and logistic partners about container/trailer security, at origin. A 7-point container inspection (sea shipments) or 17-point tractor/trailer inspection (for North American land border shipments) that searches for hidden structural compartments and undocumented merchandise are highly recommended and should be executed on all U.S. bound shipments.

In addition, please remind your partners that all loaded U.S. bound sea containers must be affixed with a PAS ISO 17712 high-security seal. For additional information on inspection and seal requirements, refer to the CBP website above or contact us. Last, you should have procedures within your supply chain for recognizing and reporting compromised seals on your containers and trailers to CBP or appropriate foreign authorities. If you should need assistance to report any such incidents, please contact us.

In sum, we are asking all our business partners to stay alert and implement a sound plan to enhance security

Please contact us at the above phone number or e-mail us with questions regarding C-TPAT and other supply chain security matters.