

Dear customers!

Hereby we inform you about an **important innovation** regarding EU imports and exports.

From 1 January 2011 onwards, it will become mandatory to present an electronic **ENS (Entry Summary declaration)** at all **EU frontier posts of entry**. Due to bilateral agreements, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Norway have EU status and are exempt from this regulation.

For exports, the **EXS (Exit Summary declaration)** will be performed automatically during the customs clearance procedure.

A reason for the change is due to tightened controls by customs officials for EU imports and exports. The ENS resp. EXS declarations will enable quicker and more efficient customs controls, because risk analyses are conducted before the arrival or departure of the goods.

The declaration must be submitted electronically to the EU frontier post of entry in time:

- for **sea transport**, 24 hours before loading at the port of departure
- for **air transport**, at the latest when the aircraft takes off from the country of consignment
- for **rail transport**, two hours prior to arrival at the EU frontier post of entry
- for **road transport**, one hour prior to arrival at the EU frontier post of entry

An ENS declaration consists of 30 to 33 data records, depending on the the means of transport (ship, airplane, train or truck) and it is used as a basis for assessing the risk level on the EU external frontiers. However, the declaration does not replace payments of duty on imports.

Gebrüder Weiss is well prepared for the ENS declaration and the changes it will bring along. Nevertheless, **delays** are possible, especially in land transport. The customs organisations of the member states located on the EU external frontiers in Eastern and Southeastern Europe seem to have difficulties with the implementation of the new system. Unfortunately, Gebrüder Weiss has no influence on that. For sea and air transport, we hardly expect any delays.

The costs for the ENS declaration cannot be estimated yet. Of course we will inform you as soon as the tariffs are known.