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NPDL Vehicle Transportation Policy Revision

Dear valued customer,

With the significant increase in international trade of lithium battery powered electric vehicles (BEV/ HEV/ PHEV/ FCEV), we have revised our existing vehicle transportation policy. The goal of this policy revision is to improve safety and simplify dangerous goods classification for our customers.

Vehicle DG Classifications:

We would like to emphasise it is mandatory for all vehicle shippers to adhere to the following guidelines when booking with NPDL:

- **Flammable liquid powered vehicles (both new and used)** shall be declared as dangerous goods under UN3166/class 9, unless they meet the requirements outlined in the IMDG Code Special Provision 961 (noted below)
- **Vehicles powered by Lithium batteries (BEV)** shall be declared as dangerous goods under UN3171/class 9. No special provisions or exemptions are allowed (NEW vehicles only)
- **Hybrid vehicles with Lithium batteries (PHEV/ HEV/ FCEV)** shall be declared as dangerous goods under UN3166/ class 9. No special provisions or exemptions are allowed (NEW vehicles only)

Please note: while we ship used petrol and diesel powered vehicles we only accept NEW cars if they contain lithium batteries (BEV/ PHEV/ HEV/ FCEV).

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Special Provision 961:

Meeting one of the following two conditions may cancel the need for a dangerous goods declaration. If in doubt, please contact your NPDL representative.

1. Vehicles powered by a flammable liquid fuel with a flashpoint of 38°C or above, there are no leaks in any portion of the fuel system, the fuel tank(s) contains 450 L of fuel or less and installed batteries are protected from short-circuit.
2. Vehicles powered by a flammable liquid fuel with a flashpoint less than 38°C, the fuel tank(s) are empty and installed batteries are protected from short circuit. Vehicles are considered to be empty of flammable liquid fuel when the fuel tank has been drained and the vehicles cannot be operated due to a lack of fuel. Engine components such as fuel lines, fuel filters and injectors do not need to be cleaned, drained, or purged to be considered empty. The fuel tank does not need to be cleaned or purged.

If a shipper declares under SP961 they are to supply a signed NPDL Letter of Indemnity (LOI) confirming they have adhered to the condition applicable for their vehicle.

If a vehicle is travelling on a 3rd party vessels under NPDL control, the shipper may be required to sign an additional LOI for the 3rd party carrier.

Vehicles are defined under the IMDG Code as:

Self-propelled apparatus designed to carry one or more persons or goods. Examples of such vehicles are cars, motorcycles, scooters, three- and four-wheeled vehicles or motorcycles, trucks, locomotives, bicycles (pedal cycles with a motor) and other vehicles of this type (e.g. self-balancing vehicles or vehicles not equipped with at least one seating position), wheelchairs, lawn tractors, self-propelled farming and construction equipment, boats and aircraft.

We thank you for your continued support, should you have any further questions or queries please contact your NPDL representative.

Sincerely,

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