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ICS2 – Enhanced EU Customs Scrutiny Requires Detailed Goods Descriptions

To ensure the smooth and timely clearance of your import cargo into the European Union, it is critical to provide detailed and accurate goods descriptions.

Effective April 1, the European Union has significantly increased scrutiny of import declarations to ensure compliance with Import Control System 2 (ICS2). There is a significant focus on the accuracy and detail of goods descriptions. Vague or incomplete descriptions will likely result in delays, disruptions and potential penalties imposed by customs authorities.

Descriptions that could lead to rejection by EU Customs can be found here.

Find more information in a news item from Ocean Network Express.

Wan Hai Hit by Cyberattack

Over the weekend, hackers took down the public-facing website of Taiwanese container carrier Wan Hai Lines. The identity of the hackers has not been determined.

Wan Hai has confirmed the attack to Taiwanese media, and said that it has retained the services of foreign cyber experts to try to determine what went wrong. The shutdown affected the public-facing website beginning April 18. The incident has not affected the company's physical operations, Wan Hai said, and no breaches of internal data have been discovered.

As of Monday, Wan Hai's main website was back up and visible to the public – with an added anti-DDOS identity verification step.

Read more in an article from The Maritime Executive.