

## SOC In Thailand



### **BL Requirement:**

- Consignee = Full name and address along with email address and phone number.
- Notify = If consignee is actual importer of cargo – Thailand Agent (Custom Broker / NVOCC, if any) along with email address and phone number.
- BL Type = Must be SWB. This is due to the Import Manifest and container release procedure for SOC in Thailand. \*\* (Further explanation below)
- Payment terms = All charges Prepaid at Origin. \*\* (Further explanation below)

All SOC shipment must declare to Thailand's Customs. Customer must confirm to HL as following:

- **Customers require carrier to submit Import Manifest.**

For this, customers send SOC letter with container operator name and Tax ID which is registered with customs. These documents are submitted to the Terminal.

- **Customers do not require carrier to submit Import Manifest.**

For this, customers send their own Summary, Manifest and SOC letter to us with container's operator name and Tax ID which is registered with customs. These documents are submitted to the Terminal.

- **Container declaration:**

- Consignees or the Box Operator must send SOC letter to declare Box (Container) Operator name and Tax ID.
- HL must declare Box (Container) Operator name and their Tax ID to customs as per consignee request, which can be –
  - Either under actual consignee name and Tax ID or
  - the SOC agent.
- HL cannot submit any SOC boxes under HL' name and TAX ID. So the consignee or the Box Operator must find an agent which is registered with customs.

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### Import Manifest and container release procedure for SOC in Thailand

As a carrier who has SOC boxes (GP & Tanks) on their vessel, Hapag-Lloyd must do the following –

- o Submit Import manifest via EDI to Thailand Customs.
- o Submit a USTR report (Container Declaration) to Terminal.

In USTR report, HL must declare the box operator –

- o Box Operator HL = HL operated containers.
  - o Box Operator Non-HL = Shipper Owned Containers.
- For such SOC, HL will declare the actual box owner/operator.

SOC box operator has 2 options for Import manifest submission –

- 1) Ask HL to submit manifest on their behalf. (**Seldom**)

When HL submit Import manifest for a SOC, the ultimate consignee must also declare the Hapag-Lloyd BL for their import entry to Customs.

Terminal will release the container to consignee only with HL Release instructions.

- 2) Submit Manifest on their own. (**Most common**)

When SOC box operator submits the Import manifest, the ultimate consignee declares the SOC operators BL no. in their import entry to Customs.

Terminal will release the container to consignee with SOC operators release instructions.

In essence, the BL no. in the import entry declared by the ultimate consignee plays a key role.

If HL completes the BL as OBL and SOC box operator declares their own manifest, then container could be released without OBL being presented to HL Thailand.

Requirement for **SOC shipments to Thailand:**

- o B/L Type must be **SWB**.
- o All charges must be **Prepaid at Origin**.