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**Jamaica Customs Agency  
Myers' Wharf  
Newport East  
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Jamaica**

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**Re: Mandatory Submission of 6-Digits HS Code for Inbound Cargo**

As part of Jamaica Customs Advance Report/Manifest submission requirements, the World Customs Organization (WCO) HS 6-digit code will become mandatory for all inbound cargo to the island.

Consequently, commencing September 01, 2016 the 6-digit HS code must be inserted at the bill of lading and container levels in the HS Code field for all cargo when submitting advance reports to Jamaica Customs.

Information on Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding Systems (HS) can be found at the WCO website at: <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/nomenclature/overview.aspx>.

In case of several goods or mixed cargo consigned as one shipment, the six digit code for the goods with the greatest representative value should be inserted.

Thanks in advance for your continued assistance and support in these initiatives.

Yours sincerely

**JAMAICA CUSTOMS AGENCY**

Major (Ret'd) Richard Reese  
Commissioner of Customs