



**Customer Advisory #131 – 2009
Import Merchant Haulage in India**

Dear valued customers,

Effective immediately, please note CMA-CGM will strictly decline acceptance of merchant haulage shipments to India when the final port of destination (FPOD) is labelled with an inland container depot (ICD) name.

From a legal point of view, only carriers can apply an ICD as a final destination on the customs declaration; with this, the carrier is taking the entire liability when a shipment is declared up to the final destination.

As a result of this carrier liability, CMA-CGM will now **reject all shipments with bill of lading that require declaration of an FPOD to which the shipper/consignee intends to perform merchant haulage**. It is also mandatory for agents to decline bill of lading which include any mention of haulage in India that will be performed by the merchant – as it is their own risk and expense.

If the shipper/consignee is willing to handle the booking under merchant haulage, the bill of lading shall only reflect Port of Discharge, and the FPOD portion of the B/L will remain blank.

- Example: If the shipment is to be handled under merchant haulage to ICD Dadri, the B/L must only be issued with POD Nhava Sheva or Mundra, and FPOD will be left blank.

In such case, CMA-CGM India will advise to the consignee of the depot where containers must be dropped off at the carrier's convenience (most likely at the port).

CMA-CGM continues to accept carrier haulage to be paid collect with the exception of low value commodities where carrier haulage must still be prepaid.

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this adjustment, please contact your local CMA CGM (America) Inc. sales representative. For current schedule activity, please visit our Web site at www.cma-cgm.com.

Best regards,

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