



Fiji Export Manifest Registration Timeline

Description

We would like to advise that the Fiji Revenue & Customs Services has issued notifications to Swire Shipping that the mandatory requirement for export cargo to be manifested electronically 48 hours prior to vessel departure will be strictly enforced with effect 1st July 2020.

The relevant extract from the Customs Act 1986, Part XI, Section 65 1(a) (i) is as follows.

PART 11 EXPORTATION OF GOODS AND CLEARANCE OF AIRCRAFT OR SHIPS (SECTIONS 65-76)

[SECTION 65] Loading etc.

(1) Subject to section 66 –

- a) No goods shall be taken on board an aircraft or ship for export unless the master or master’s agent –
 - i) has delivered a manifest to the Comptroller by means of an electronic message 2 days ahead of the proposed time of departure for a ship and 9 hours ahead of the proposed date of departure for an aircraft on the customs system and the system has allocated a registration number in respect of that message; or

Failure to comply with the Fiji Revenue & Customs Services deadlines could result in Swire Shipping being unable to accept cargo for export loading and or penalties that will be for the account of the exporter.

To assist with compliance, Swire Shipping will require final submission of export documents **at least 72 hours prior to vessel arrival.**

In the event of vessel sailings over the weekend or on public holidays, Swire Shipping may further require final documents to be provided against an earlier cut-off time that our local customer service team will advise accordingly.

For any queries, please contact our Fiji Customer Service team – cs.fj@swireshipping.com.

