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### Food Products by Sea - Important Notice for UK Exporters and Bermuda Importers, July 2017

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents in Port Elizabeth, New York, are more thoroughly enforcing the regulations relating to the transit of *ineligible products* via USA ports. *Ineligible products* are defined as:

***Various food products from UK Shippers, containing beef, poultry, lamb and pork products/ingredients.***

With effect from 31<sup>st</sup> May, all shipments from the UK destined for Bermuda containing ineligible products have required a transit permit to pass through New York to Bermuda.

**Bermuda Forwarders (UK) Limited has obtained the necessary permit and authorisation to ship ineligible products in transit via New York to Bermuda.**

To meet with these requirements and those of our permit, all shipments containing ineligible products must comply with the following:

- *Transit time through New York must not exceed 7 days.*

To comply with the transit regulations, we may have to hold back cargo in the UK if there is a risk of breaching the 7-day rule due to vessels operating outside of their published schedules.

- *Each shipment must arrive at the US port in leakproof shipping containers bearing intact numbered seals and must remain sealed during the entire time that it is in transit through the United States.*

This has always been the case and we will continue to oversee this.

- *The permit does not authorise any handling or manipulation of the product contained in the sealed leakproof container at any time that the shipment is within the boundaries of the United States.*

This will be followed as the containers always remain within the same port in the US.

- *A full itemised Supplier Invoice/Packing List must be provided to us by the UK Shipper at the time of booking or at the latest by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday sailing from the UK, showing their full name, address and their reference number for the shipment.*

This is straightforward and we will coordinate this with your UK Suppliers/Shippers.

- *All export shipments must be certified by the UK Government Authorities.*

We will arrange this.

In the past few weeks since the regulations have been enforced we have successfully shipped over 20 containers containing ineligible products on behalf of our clients.

Should you have any questions on any of the above please do not hesitate to contact the Bermuda Forwarders (UK) Export team on [export@bermudaforwarders.co.uk](mailto:export@bermudaforwarders.co.uk).