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CHILE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

The United States - Chile Free Trade Agreement began in 2004 with the intention of reducing tariffs for imported cargo into Chile. The updated tariff reduction took effect on January 1, 2015 and will now allow 100% of U.S. exports to enter Chile under duty-free status.

ALGERIA : NEW CUSTOMS REGULATION

The Algerian Customs Authorities have announced that effective September 1, 2015, all cargo arriving into Algeria must have the TAX ID number/NIF (Numero d'Identification Fiscal) for the consignee shown on the ocean bill of lading. Please be sure to provide this important information to your UFO account representative at the time of booking your Algerian cargo!

SOLAS CONTAINER WEIGHT VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted mandatory amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Chapter VI, Part A, Regulation 2 - Cargo information. Effective July 1, 2016, all ocean containers must have a "verified" weight document presented to the ocean carrier and port terminal operator prior to loading the vessel. The signed document can be part of the shipping instructions to the shipping company or a separate communication such as a declaration or weight certificate. Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.worldshipping.org/industry-issues/safety/cargo-weight>.

Please contact Marc Mugfor (mmugfor@ufold.com) with any questions or concerns on the above information.

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