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Mr. Yuan Ziwei
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General Administration of China Customs

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Dear Mr. Yuan,

We need your kind assistance and coordination in the following matter:

China Customs issued Announcement No.56 [2017] concerning the adjustment made on the advanced manifest rule (海关总署公告 2017 年第 56 号 (关于调整水空运进出境运输工具、舱单监管相关事项的公告) that will be effective from 1st June 2018 onwards.

According to Annex 40 of this announcement (please find the attachment), enterprises in Israel can be identified by their trade register numbers or CIK numbers (please find "Israel" in rows 130 – 131 in the attached file). However, CIK is not used in Israel and not familiar to the Israeli enterprises.

A Central Index Key or CIK number, according to our knowledge, is a number given to an individual or company by the **United States** Securities and Exchange Commission. The fact is, enterprises in Israel are normally identified by their **VAT numbers**, same as in many European countries.

To avoid confusion to Israeli enterprises, we would like to ask for your kind assistance to coordinate with relevant departments in GACC to clarify this issue and to change CIK to VAT Number, like mentioned for other European countries in the list.

Your kind assistance and cooperation in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Best regards,

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