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## 6 Digit HS-Code Mandatory for all Global Cargo

Dear Valued Customer,

There has been an increasing focus on the accurate commodity classification under which many Customs authorities are marking Harmonised Commodity Code mandatory in the Customs Manifest declaration. Sealand will be implementing a policy to collect these 6 digit Harmonized System (HS) Codes as published by World Customs Organisation (WCO) as part of the shipping Instructions for all global cargo movements. This is to ensure Sealand and it's Customers are compliant on providing accurate commodity information right first time to Customs authorities.

We will implement our policies in two phases:

**1st October 2022:** An e-mail will be sent out reminding you of the need for the missing information in case not submitted via the shipping instructions.

**15th January 2023:** Shipping Instructions received missing or with an incomplete 6-Digit HS code will not be processed. An e-mail will be sent requesting for the information to be provided until when a draft bill of lading will not be available.

This policy will be applicable for all Global Export, transshipment and Import cargo movements with Sealand.

### How to Submit HS Code in Shipping Instructions on Maersk.com

When you are submitting your Shipping Instructions online via Sealand.com, please input the 6-digit HS Code in the dedicated field provided field in the Cargo Description section.

In case of multiple HS codes all the codes need to be listed out in the cargo description field

Booked commodity: Foodstuff, nos, non-frozen

Kind of packages	6 digit HS Code
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

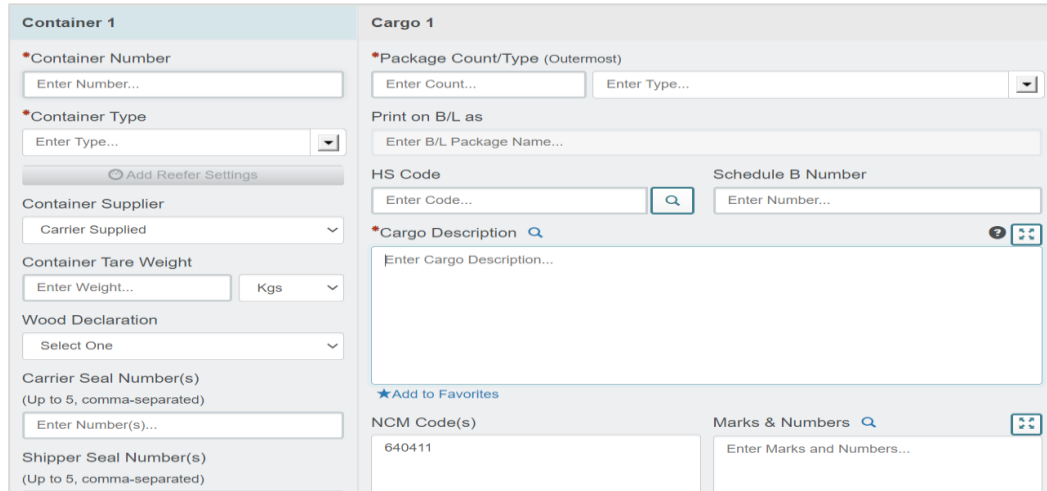
Cargo description

**Do not enter Agent address, Free time, in-transit or transshipment clauses here - use the [Document page](#). Local customs regulations need the actual cargo description within the first 2 lines. Cargo description should be in English language only.**  
To enable your instant draft bill, we will not be validating these clauses entered here.

Your description goes here...

### How to Submit HS Code in Shipping Instructions submitted via INTTRA

Please use the existing dedicated field for HS Codes on INTTRA to submit this information.



The screenshot displays the 'Container 1' and 'Cargo 1' sections of a shipping instruction form. The 'Container 1' section includes fields for Container Number, Container Type, Container Supplier, Container Tare Weight, Wood Declaration, Carrier Seal Number(s), and Shipper Seal Number(s). The 'Cargo 1' section includes fields for Package Count/Type (Outermost), Print on B/L as, HS Code, Schedule B Number, Cargo Description, NCM Code(s), and Marks & Numbers. The HS Code field is highlighted with a search icon, indicating it is the dedicated field for submitting HS Codes.

### How to Submit HS code in Shipping Instructions submitted via EDI

Please use the existing dedicated field for HS Codes on EDI to submit this information.

Best regards,  
Maersk