

Santa held up by TSA as an unknown shipper! HO, HO, HO ... NOT!!!

Disclaimer: Betty Sue would love to give credit for the following news update about Santa but she doesn't know the author. Thank you, whoever you are!



Well, we just wanted to let you all know that Santa will not be coming in this year.

Because of incorrect Incoterms® and incomplete documentation, the gifts for all the world will have to be returned to the North Pole (at his own expense). He decided to ship everything DDP and even though we handled the forwarding on all the gifts, we were unable to determine who the correct broker was. We also wanted to clear but FEDEX, UPS and DHL were fighting over the Customs Power of Attorney.

Determining importer of record turned out to be a nightmare since EVERYONE in the world wants a visit from Santa but no one was willing to be the importer of record. New laws and regulations regarding entry of exotic animals also had the Fish and Wildlife department forcing Rudolph and his crew back out before they could even land. All the electronics needed FCC clearance and since the North Pole is nearest to Canada, Santa was trying to claim NAFTA (since the USMCA doesn't officially go into effect until 2019). Either way, Customs refused to clear any of it without detailed product literature.

Then we got tons of census warnings because the dimensions and weight were too unreal to calculate and because Santa could not prove where the materials to make the toys came from (the North Pole is not on the approved country of origin list). He incessantly tried to prove that he makes all of his own gifts, but since there are not defined tariff classifications on "Santa-made" materials, they rejected his entry. We thought that maybe if we could get his shipment clear, we could at least dispatch some of the stuff through a Warehouse entry but, like we said, clearance through Customs was impossible. Seriously, we can see the little kids filling out their own Post Entry forms for misclassification!

Other problems encountered:

- Immigration would not allow entry because Santa's passport expired on December 24, 1603.
- The FAA will not approve the sleigh for U.S. Airspace as Rudolph's nose does not meet aircraft lighting requirements.
- The sleigh does not meet EPA standards due to excessive emissions of reindeer gases & droppings.
- The TSA says that Santa is an unknown shipper and would require a site verification.
- Food and Drug says no Prior Notice was done on some of the gifts that were fresh or frozen and they put gifts on FDA hold.
- Santa did not have a "walk through" letter to give Customs, so no immediate release.

Anyway, plan to provide your holiday cheer another way since Old Saint Nick will not be sliding down your chimney this year. Happy Holidays to Everyone!!!!

Yours truly, #BettySueExportQueen

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