

CIFFA Young Freight Forwarder of the Year Award Topic 2009

In recent months a number of natural catastrophes have hit developing countries in Africa and the Indian Ocean. Sri Lanka and the Maldives were hit by a Tsunami causing extensive flooding and many thousands of lives lost and many more unaccounted for, as well substantial damage to the infrastructure occurred. At the same time an on-going drought resulting in famine in Rwanda has claimed many lives and threatens to kill tens-of- thousands more. Emergency Aid is on the way and the United Nations is now looking into providing future shipments to limit human suffering.

The United Nations Procurement Division (UNPD) has contacted your company, which is a listed vendor with the UN, to tender for humanitarian aid shipments to the effected countries. The aid shipments consist of different cargoes requiring careful consideration in the way each is being shipped.

The shipment is going from Trondheim, Norway to the UN H/Q in Kigali, Rwanda. You have been asked to ship from a warehouse in Trondheim port to on-side delivery at the UN H/Q in Kigali. The shipment consists of 200 tones of Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) and 10 Land Rovers – all of this is being contributed by the Norwegian Government/Military. The MRE's are considered temperature controlled cargo and have a shelf-life of 3 years at 27 degrees Celsius; you need to ensure that the temperature does not vary too much during the sea voyage or overland journey in Africa. The 10 used military Land Rovers (type Defender 110) do not need to be shipped with the MREs in one shipment. Both shipments from Trondheim are to be effected by sea with overland transport from the discharge port to Kigali – the choice of discharge port is yours and to be based on the most efficient price and route.

None of the cargo requires letters of credit but they may require certificates of origin or other appropriate certificates instead, you do need to check about other import or export regulations even though some of the cargo may be exempt as humanitarian aid.



The essay must be:

- 500-800 words in length
- double-spaced, on 8 ½" x 11" paper
- a Word document
- submitted by December 22, 2008 to dougb@ciffa.com

For further information, see the CIFFA web site:

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