Camelot: Changing Logistics

Moving Cargo By Sea—Start To Finish

1 To become a freight forwarder, a company must get a license from the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) and secure a bond from a surety to offer their services.

FMC

SURETY

NVOCC

2 The NVOCC cannot legally do business without a license and a bond.

FMC LICENSE

CARRIER

STOP! IF NO LICENSE

3 The carrier and the NVOCC negotiate and sign a service contract.

CONTRACT

4 The contract is filed with the FMC.

RATES FILED

5 The booking process begins with confirming if a rate is on file in the contract.

RATES FILED? Y/N

IF YES, BOOKING AND CONTAINER

IF NO, NEGOTIATE AND ADD TO CONTRACT

BOOKING

6 The booking is accepted and equipment is released for loading.

LOAD VESSEL

DEPARTURE

7 Bills of lading are issued after the vessel departs.

BILLS OF LADING

ARRIVE AT DESTINATION

8 Two arrival notices are issued; one from the carrier to the freight forwarder, another from the freight forwarder to the consignee.

ARRIVAL NOTICES ISSUED

TO NVO FROM CARRIER

TO CONSIGNEE FROM NVO

CLEAR CUSTOMS

9 Payment of freight charges, surrendering the bill of lading and a release from Customs means the cargo can be picked up.

10 The cargo can be delivered to the consignee without delay.

TO CONSIGNEE

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