

The United Arab Emirates' Maritime Preload Cargo Information (MPCI) program



The MPCI program is led by the United Arab Emirates' National Advance Information Center (NAIC). The program is a government initiative designed to enhance cargo security. The NAIC is a federal entity that manages the collecting of cargo and passenger information for risk evaluation and security screening.

The program requires the electronic submission of containerized cargo details at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of loading operations at the port of origin.



When will it be implemented?

Effective July 31, 2025, the MPCI program requires advance submission of containerized cargo information to enable early risk assessment and compliance checks for shipments bound for UAE ports.



Who is responsible?

- Shipping Lines are responsible for filing the carrier's MBL.
- Freight Forwarders or Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers (NVOCCs) are responsible for filing the freight forwarder's HBL.



How can I get fast and accurate assistance?

Trade Tech is prepared for this important regulatory change and is committed to helping our customers achieve compliance.

By leveraging our expertise in advance cargo security filings, we offer a streamlined and efficient process for all stakeholders in the supply chain.

UAE's MPCl Security Filing Program

Key Requirements of the UAE's MPCl Program

- The program requires the electronic submission of containerized cargo details at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of loading operations at the port of origin.
- Vessel Operators, NVOCC, Freight Forwarders, Master Loaders and Co-Loaders are all required to file Bill of Lading details.
- Forwarders must clearly identify the actual shipper and consignee in their filings.
- Vessel Operators must verify that Forwarders' filing was approved prior to cargo loading.
- Vessel Operators must update Bill of Lading details with the actual vessel name and departure date.
- Vessel Operators must file their Bill of Lading, while Freight Forwarders or NVOCCs must file the House Bill of Lading.
- UAE-based Freight Forwarders may delegate filing to overseas partners, and Vessel Operators may delegate to agents, but liability remains with the UAE agent(s).
- Filings are required for import, transit (Freight Forwarder files HBL), transshipment, and Freight Remaining on Board (FROB) (Vessel Operator files MBL) cargo.



NAIC will issue response statuses upon filing:

- ACT (Accepted)
- DNL (Do Not Load)
- RFI (Request for Information)

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