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Dear Valued Customer,

We would like to remind all our customers that ESL will be implementing the new regulatory framework introduced by the National Advance Information Centre (NAIC) in the UAE. As part of this requirement, Advance Manifest Cargo information must be submitted through the "Maritime Preload Cargo Information" (MPCI) portal.

This is an update on the upcoming changes in the process and cut-off timelines.

The scope of this change is relevant to:

- Imports shipments to UAE
- Transshipment shipments through UAE Ports
- Shipments transiting via UAE Ports (FROB)

Based on the new regulations, there are necessary changes to the "Shipping instructions" submission process for cargo destined to or transshipping / transiting through UAE and the responsibilities for shippers and forwarding agents.

1. Cut off Timelines for Shipping Instruction Submission:

To comply with NAIC regulations, Shipping Instructions must be submitted **2 working days prior to the Vessel arrival at the Port of Loading**

2. Applicability of "Direct or Master Bill of Lading" Declaration in Shipping Instruction submission:

- Imports into UAE – Bills of Lading must be declared as either "Direct" or "Master Bill of Lading."
- Transshipment and In-Transit through UAE – All Bills of Lading for cargo transshipping or transiting through UAE will be declared as "Direct Bill of Lading" (as per NAIC's instructions)

3. Declaration of "Direct or Master Bill of Lading" for Shipping Instruction submitted via ESEA:

- **If HBL is not involved** – In case you are a BCO customer, and no House Bill of Lading (HBL) is involved, please update "Direct Bill of Lading" in the Additional Information field in ESEA (under BL Preview Details)
We will declare the shipment to NAIC as "Direct Bill of Lading."
- **If HBL is involved** – In case you are a NVOCC/ Forwarder and HBL is involved, please update "Master Bill of Lading" and 7-digit Alpha numeric code, e.g.: MPCI123 Maritime Preload Cargo Information (MPCI) code in the Additional Information field in ESEA (under BL Preview Details).

We will declare the shipment to NAIC as "Master Bill of Lading."



If you are submitting your SI through other platforms such as INTTRA, CargoWise or EDI, please check with those service providers regarding where the above-mentioned information should be entered.

Please note, in absence of the required information, the Bill of Lading will be declared as 'Direct Bill of Lading' to NAIC.

4. Mandatory Information for SI Submission:

To ensure compliance, the following data must be included in your Shipping Instruction (in addition to standard Bill of Lading details):

- Ports (Loading, Discharge, Transshipment, Receipt, and Delivery)
- Container Details and Seal Numbers
- Cargo Details and HS Code
- Involved Parties (Shipper, Consignee, Notify Party, Freight Forwarders and Agents)
- Vessel & Voyage Information
- Identifiers:
 - Shipping lines and freight forwarders must provide their own identifiers: MPCl Party ID (Link to next section).
 - Additionally, freight forwarders must include identifiers for the master co-loader or shipping line.
 - Shipping lines or master co-loaders must include identifiers for any consolidating(child) freight forwarders in cases of consolidation.
- Other Standard Information: Any additional standard information typically included in the BOL.

For more details, please refer to the [National Advance Information Centre](#) link.

5. Forwarder's responsibility:

- Forwarders are expected to complete a onetime registration with NAIC on their [website](#) to procure the MPCl code. Forwarders should update this code in their SI.
- Accordingly, the Bill of Lading will be declared as "Master Bill of Lading" and the MPCl code shared with NAIC during Advance cargo manifest filing.
- Forwarders MUST submit the HBL filing with NAIC or through Accredited Service Provider within the stipulated timeline. For more information on how to do this please refer to the official NAIC [website](#) .

6. Soft Launch and Implementation Timeline

- Soft Launch: By 15 December 2025, customers are requested to submit Shipping Instructions in line with the above-mentioned requirements (information and timelines). During this period, ESL will assess compliance across customer submissions.



- Go-Live: Effective 15 January 2025, ESL will commence “live” Advance Cargo Information submission to NAIC.
During this phase, non-compliant containers will not be denied loading, rolled to the next vessel, or retained on board (ROB). “No Doc, No Load” policy is expected to be implemented by NAIC in the first quarter of 2026, and we will keep you updated on the confirmed implementation date.

7. *Consequences of Missing the SI Deadline (after the implementation date):*

Failure to meet the required SI submission deadline may result in:

- Cargo being returned to POL (FROB), with all related logistical costs charged to the customer.
- Change of Destination (COD), with all related logistical costs charged to the customer.
- Penalties imposed by UAE Customs (NAIC)

Should you have any questions or require support regarding these new regulations, please contact your local Customer Experience teams for more information.

Emirates Shipping Line Agencies