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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.

Detailed advisory on this topic released earlier can be found here - [Mandatory MPCI Compliance for UAE Shipments: Key Updates and Timelines - ESL | Emirates Shipping Line](#)

Based on the new regulations, there are necessary changes to the "Shipping instructions" submission process for cargo destined to or transhipping / 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."
- Transhipment and In-Transit through UAE – All Bills of Lading for cargo transhipping or transiting through UAE will be declared as "Direct Bill of Lading" (as per NAIC's instructions)

**We have introduced a new field in ESEA effective 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 requiring declaration of "Direct" or "Master Bill of Lading" in the shipping instructions**

- **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."



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| Packing List             | <input type="text"/> |
| Invoice Upload           | <input type="text"/> |
| BL Type - UAE Specific * | <input type="text"/> |
| MPCI Id *                | <input type="text"/> |

When selecting 'Direct BL', MPCI ID will be disabled and not editable.

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| Additional Information   |  |
| Declared Value           | <input type="text"/>                   |
| ACID                     | <input type="text"/>                   |
| Additional Information   |  |
| Packing List             | <input type="text"/>                   |
| Invoice Upload           | <input type="text"/>                   |
| BL Type - UAE Specific * | <input type="text" value="Direct BL"/> |
| MPCI Id                  | <input type="text"/>                   |

- **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.”

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| Invoice Upload           | <input type="text"/>                   |
| BL Type - UAE Specific * | <input type="text" value="Master BL"/> |
| MPCI Id *                | <input type="text"/>                   |

When selecting 'Master BL', MPCI ID will be mandatory for proceeding.



If you are submitting your SI through other platforms such as INTTRA, Cargo Wise 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.

Please note that "No Doc, No Load" policy is expected to be implemented by NAIC by March 2026.

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

**Emirates Shipping Line Agencies**