

Customer Advisory on UAE MPCl (Maritime Pre-load Cargo Information)

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Dear Valued Customer,

We would like to inform you that ARC LINE will be implementing the new regulatory framework, as required by the National Advance Information Centre (NAIC) in UAE to declare the Advance Manifest Cargo information through the “Maritime Preload Cargo Information” (MPCl) portal.

Based on the new regulations, there are necessary changes to the Shipping Instructions (SI) submission process for cargo destined or transiting through UAE and the responsibilities for shippers and forwarding agents. The effective date for this new process is March 1, 2026.

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)

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- 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
- 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)
- If HBL is not involved – In case no House Bill of Lading (HBL) is involved, 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, submit SI as “Master Bill of Lading” along with 7-digit Alpha numeric Maritime Preload Cargo Information (MPCl) code (e.g.: MPCl123). We will declare the shipment to NAIC as “Master Bill of Lading.”
- In absence of the required information, the Bill of Lading will be declared as “Direct Bill of Lading” to NAIC.

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 along with Cargo Details and HS Code for all commodities loaded.
- Involved Parties (Shipper, Consignee, Notify Party, Freight Forwarders and Agents)
- Shipping lines and freight forwarders must provide

their own identifiers: MPCl Party ID (Link to next section).

- Shipping lines or master co-loaders must include identifiers for any consolidating(child) freight forwarders in cases of consolidation.
- For more details, please refer to the National Advance Information Centre link. [Click here](#)

Forwarder’s responsibility:

- In order to obtain the MPCl code, forwarders are required to complete just one registration on the NAIC website. This code should be updated in the SI of forwarders.
- 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.

Soft Launch and Implementation Timeline

- Soft Launch: By 1st March 2026, customers are requested to submit Shipping Instructions in line with the above-mentioned requirements (information and timelines). During this period, ARC LINE will assess compliance across customer submissions. During this initial phase, non-compliant cargo is not expected to be denied loading, rolled, or Retained on Board (ROB)
- Go-Live: Effective 1st April 2026, ARC LINE will commence “live” Advance Cargo Information submission to NAIC. During this phase, “No Doc, No Load” policy is expected to be implemented by NAIC, and we will keep you updated on the confirmed implementation date.

For more information on how to do this please refer to the official NAIC Website:

(<https://naic.icp.gov.ae/porta/mpci/info>)

For guideline and procedure please refer to:

(<https://naic.icp.gov.ae/porta/mpci/guide-lines>)

Our MPCl Party ID:

ARC LINE : ARCSL00