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FEDERAL AUTHORITY FOR IDENTITY, CITIZENSHIP, CUSTOMS & PORT SECURITY

United Arab Emirates

MPCI Filing and Compliance Requirements Effective 1 October 2026

As part of the ongoing efforts to enhance security standards, strengthen the safety and security of maritime cargo, and improve communication with maritime carriers operating through UAE ports, this initiative aims to ensure compliance with the applicable procedures, regulations, and laws in force within the United Arab Emirates. These efforts are intended to support secure and efficient cargo movement while facilitating smooth and uninterrupted trade operations.

To support industry stakeholders in achieving full compliance with the applicable MPCI (Maritime Pre-load Cargo Information) requirements, NAIC will maintain the mandatory MPCI filing requirements while continuing to apply certain enforcement measures to allow stakeholders additional time to enhance readiness, improve data quality, and align operational processes with the MPCI requirements, in consideration of the current situation in the region.

The operational enforcement measures are as following:

• NAIC will issue only Acceptance (ACT) responses as applicable.

• The applicable response scenarios, including Requests for Information (RFI) and Do Not Load (DNL) responses will be introduced through a phased implementation plan. NAIC will communicate with the relevant carriers in advance of activation to allow sufficient time for the necessary operational preparations.

• Non-compliance will initially be addressed through appropriate communication and formal warnings as part of the compliance process.

• This approach will also apply to cases where vessel routes are amended, or where it is identified at a later stage that a shipment or vessel is destined for, transiting through, or transshipping via the UAE.

• Data quality and accuracy issues will be addressed directly with the relevant entities through engagement and corrective actions.

NAIC expects all stakeholders to continue making reasonable efforts to comply with MPCI filing requirements.

Should you require any clarification regarding the MPCI implementation procedure, and to address all inquiries and provide the necessary guidance via email: **mpci.inquiries@icp.gov.ae**.

Regards,



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