



# FAQ's

Got Questions on  
UAE MPCCI Filing?  
We've got the answers.





## What is MPCl?

MPCl (Maritime Pre-Load Cargo Information) is a mandatory pre-departure cargo declaration required by the UAE's National Advance Information Center (NAIC) for containerized shipments entering, transshipping through, or remaining on board (FROB) at UAE ports.

## Who must file?

Shipping Lines, Freight Forwarders, and NVOCCs. Responsibility can be shared or delegated, but accuracy remains critical.

## When do I have to file?

MPCl filing is already mandatory, but the UAE has allowed a grace period until March 31, 2026 before strict enforcement begins. During this time, filings must still be submitted before vessel loading at the last foreign port. After March 31, 2026, late or missed filings can result in delays, holds, and penalties (if any).

## What shipments are excluded from MPCl?

Exports from the UAE, non-containerized cargo (bulk, Ro-Ro), wooden vessels (current phase), empty containers, and crew's effects.



## What information is required?

To file for MPCl, you need an MPCl Party ID, Vessel/voyage information, BL details (Master & House), container & seal numbers, cargo description/HS Codes, and shipper/consignee details.

## Where do I get an MPCl Party ID?

[Apply via the NAIC portal](#) to receive your unique UAE MPCl ID.

## What happens if MPCl filing is missed or incorrect?

Cargo may be delayed, held, incur storage charges, or face penalties (if any). Early filing reduces risk of errors.

## How early should I file?

As soon as your BL data is ready. The rule requires filing before vessel loading at the last foreign port, but filing early gives customs more time for risk checks, reduces the chance of RFIs, and ensures smoother clearance even during the grace period.

## How do I know my filing is accepted?

Monitor acknowledgments (ACK/CONTRL) and dashboard statuses within ODeX. You'll also receive alerts for RFIs or errors.



## How does MPCl differ from AMS, ACI, ENS, AFR?

Like global 24-hour rules, but UAE-specific. Managed by NAIC, includes broader stakeholder roles, and designed digital-first.

Program	Jurisdiction	Filing Timeline
MPCI	UAE	Before vessel loading/departure
AMS	USA	24h before loading
ACI	Canada	≥24h before arrival
ENS	EU	Prior to vessel departure
AFR	Japan	24h before loading

## What if my shipment details change after filing?

You must update and resubmit through ODeX. Maintaining BL consistency (Master ↔ House) is crucial to avoid rejection or delays.

## How do I know if there's an error in my filing?

You will receive acknowledgments (ACK/CONTRL) from NAIC, visible in your ODeX dashboard. Built-in alerts also notify you if there's an error or RFI.



### How does ODeX simplify MPCl filing?

Fully digital, integrated with NAIC: real-time ACKs & RFIs, auto-conversion to UN/EDIFACT, Master-House BL linking, bulk uploads, dashboards, audit trails, and built-in alerts.

### What benefits should I expect with ODeX?

Speed (instant confirmations), accuracy (auto-checks reduce errors), cost savings (avoid penalties and/or delays if any), and 24/7 support.

### How do I start the UAE MPCl Filing process?

1. Apply for UAE MPCl ID (via NAIC).
2. Reach out to the ODeX UAE Team to enable MPCl module (mpci.uae@odexglobal.com).
3. Upload shipment data (bulk/single).
4. Run compliance checks & submit.
5. Track ACKs, RFIs, CONTRL in real-time.
6. Respond/resubmit if needed.

**START YOUR MPCl FILING NOW WITH ODEX** 