



## CUSTOMER ADVISORY

### MILAHA announces Implementation of UAE Maritime Pre-load Cargo Information (MPCI) Program – Effective 31 July 2025

Dear **Valued Customer**,

We wish to inform you of a new regulatory requirement introduced by the **United Arab Emirates**, aimed at enhancing cargo security and enabling early risk assessments.

Effective 31 July 2025, the UAE will implement the **Maritime Pre-load Cargo Information (MPCI)** program. This initiative is led by the **National Advance Information Centre (NAIC)** and applies to all containerized cargo that is:

- Imported into the UAE
- Transhipped through UAE ports
- In transit via the UAE
- Remaining on board (FROB) at UAE ports

Under the MPCI program, **Bill of Lading (BOL)** data must be electronically submitted to NAIC **before cargo is loaded at the last foreign port of departure to the UAE**.

#### What This Means for You:

Shipping lines and freight forwarders are responsible for submitting complete and accurate BOL information in advance. This submission is mandatory and applies to **carrier-issued** and **freight forwarder-issued** BOLs. Submission must be made either **directly** or through certified service providers.

Each MPCI submission must include key shipment details, such as:

- BOL number, issue date, and location
- Port and routing information
- Container and seal details
- Commodity description and HS codes
- Shipper, consignee, notify party, and involved agents
- Vessel and voyage information
- Identifiers for all involved parties in consolidated shipments

Once submitted, NAIC will issue one of three possible responses:

- ACT (Accepted): Cargo is approved for loading
- DNL (Do Not Load): Cargo cannot be loaded
- RFI (Request for Information): Additional details are required

This requirement is **independent of customs procedures** and must be met to secure loading approval for cargo bound to, via, or through UAE ports.

We strongly encourage all our customers and partners to ensure readiness ahead of the 31 July 2025 deadline to avoid disruptions.

Should you require further clarification or support with compliance, please do not hesitate to contact your local Milaha representative.

**Milaha** Network remains at your disposal to attend to your requests. Please feel free to contact us anytime by telephone at +971 4 407 8444 or via email at [CS-Liner@milaha.com](mailto:CS-Liner@milaha.com).

Sincerely yours,

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