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PRELOADING ADVANCE CARGO
INFORMATION (PLACI)

***FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS (FAQ)
EDITION 1***



Q *WHEN WILL EMIRATES SKYCARGO IMPLEMENT EU ICS2 REQUIREMENTS?*

A Emirates SkyCargo will initiate PLACI filings with EU ICS2 no later than 15th June 2023.

Q *WILL CUSTOMERS BE NOTIFIED ON SKYCARGO'S GO-LIVE OF EU ICS2 FILING?*

A Yes. Customers will be notified a minimum of 2 weeks prior to Emirates SkyCargo's full implementation of the EU ICS2 requirements.

Note: Shippers are encouraged to be prepared and to provide all required PLACI data elements as of 1st March 2023.

Q *WHAT ARE THE DATA ELEMENTS REQUIRED FOR PLACI FILINGS?*

A As communicated within the PLACI Newsletter back in November 2022, data sets of 7+1 elements are necessary for the PLACI authorities to carry out preloading assessments.

It is of the utmost importance that information transmitted is complete and accurate, to reduce the risk of a RFI (Request for Information) referral being assigned. The 7+1 elements required are:

- i. Complete Shipper Name
 - ii. Complete Shipper Address
 - iii. Complete Consignee Name
 - iv. Complete Consignee Address
 - v. Number of pieces
 - vi. Gross weight
 - vii. Accurate Description of Goods
- + Repetition of the above dataset requirement for every house involved.

In addition to these data elements, for filing with European Union (EU) Import Control System 2 (ICS2), HS (Harmonised System) codes and the EORI (Economic Operators Registration and Identification number) would have to be declared on the FWB and the FHL.

Q HOW SHOULD THE HS CODE AND EORI NUMBER BE DECLARED IN THE FWB & FHL?

A HS codes must be declared in the following fields of the FWB & FHL.

FWB (Within the NH line of the RTD field)	FHL (Within HTS line)
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.....	MBI/35001503-176BRNPVG/T14K134.7
/5/ NH /HS345606798	HBS/700210017/BRNPVG/7/K3.9//
PPD/WT15281.00	CITES ACCESSORI /SPX/EAP TXT/CITES
/CT15281.00	ACCESSORIES
CER/12345 LOGISTICS	HTS /HS9809840480
ISU/13JAN23/MEL/12345 LOGISTICS AU	/HS734574587
.....	/HS89605865
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EU ICS2 also requires that where an entity involved in the shipment's movement has been assigned with an Economic Operators Registration and Identification number (EORI), it must be declared.

The EORI must be declared within the OCI field of the FWB and the FHL, with the identifier 'T'.

FWB (Within the OCI field)	FHL (Within the OCI field)
.....	...
.....
OCI/CH/ISS/RA/000XX-01	/HS89605865
///SS/SPX	OCI/CN/CNE/T/1234355
///SM/KC	SHP/OQWER SA
///SD/13JAN2023 0857	/96 XYZ 12345
///SN/XYXQWER
/CH/CNE/T/12345
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Based on the declarant whose EORI is being declared, the three-letter identifier must vary, for example: SHP – for the consignor, BRK – for the broker, NFY – for the notify party.

Q *WHERE CAN ONE FIND APPLICABLE HS (HARMONISED SYSTEM) CODES?*

A The links to HS codes applicable for the European Union (EU) and the United States (US) are available in their official websites: the European Customs Portal, and the Official Website of the International Trade Administration, respectively. For the ease of reference, the links have been copied and provided below:

European Union (EU): <https://www.tariffnumber.com/>

United States (US): <https://www.trade.gov/harmonized-system-hs-codes>

Q *AT WHAT POINT OF CARGO HANDLING WOULD PLACI FILINGS BE PERFORMED?*

A LACI filings will be performed at the earliest possible event of filing information, i.e., at the successful validation of FWB and FHL transmitted by the shipper/agent or upon capturing the master and house air waybills. Upon receipt of FWB and FHL at the origin, validations will be carried out in SkyChain, after which preloading filings will be performed with the PLACI entities concerned.

Q *WOULD THERE BE A CUT-OFF TIME AFTER WHICH PLACI FILINGS WILL NOT BE PERFORMED?*

A Customers are advised to liaise with their local Emirates SkyCargo stations to confirm cut-off times for data transmission towards complete implementation of EU ICS2 filing.

Q *WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER OR THE HOUSE, AFTER INFORMATION IS FILED WITH THE PLACI AUTHORITY?*

A Amendments in the master and/or the house with regards to any of the 7 + 1 elements and PLACI specific requirements, such as the HS codes and the EORI, would require the dataset to be refiled with the applicable PLACI authorities for their reassessment. This would imply that previous referrals, if assigned, would have to be disregarded and a new assessment outcome would have to be awaited.

Q CAN A SHIPMENT BE LOADED ON THE AIRCRAFT ONCE FILING IS PERFORMED WITH THE PLACI AUTHORITIES?

A Shipments shall only be loaded on Emirates aircrafts once AC (Assessment Complete) referrals have been obtained from all applicable PLACI authorities. No shipment without AC referrals will be permitted on an Emirates aircraft.

Q WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A DNL REFERRAL IS ASSIGNED TO A SHIPMENT?

A Shipments assigned with a DNL (Do Not Load) referral will not be transported on Emirates aircrafts.

Where a DNL referral is issued, origin stations will communicate the DNL referral status assigned to the shipment to the respective shipper/agent.

Q WHAT ARE RFI AND RFS REFERRALS, AND HOW DO WE GO ABOUT THEM?

A RFI (Request for Information) and RFS (Request for Screening) referrals are assigned to filings by the PLACI authority where further information or insight is required to carry out the assessment. These could be assigned at the master, at the house or at both the master and house levels.

Where a RFI (Request for Information) or a RFS (Request for Screening) referral is issued, the origin station may reach out to the shipper/agent for further information/action based on the referral. Request for further information could include the need for supporting documents such as the invoice, the packing list, or the security declaration (CSD) pertaining to the shipment. It is hence advisable that customers ensure that these supporting documents are readily available, if not provided upfront to the origin station, to respond to referrals swifter.

Shipment assigned with RFI / RFS referrals will be kept on hold until AC referrals have been obtained.

Q WHERE CAN ONE FIND FURTHER INFORMATION ON EU ICS2 PLACI REQUIREMENTS?

A The following website contains information on the EU ICS2 PLACI programme:
https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/customs-4/customs-security/import-control-system-2-ics2-0_en

Where you have clarifications or concerns with regards to PLACI, please feel free to contact Emirates SkyCargo at skycargocustoms-securitysupport@emirates.com, and the team will revert back to you as appropriate.