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Extension of MPCl Grace Period and Interim Enforcement Approach

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, NAIC will extend the grace period until end of September 30th/Sep/2026 in respect of certain MPCl enforcement requirements.

During this extended grace period, MPCl filings will be required in accordance with the published requirements. However, certain enforcement measures will remain relaxed to allow stakeholders additional time to enhance readiness, improve data quality, and align operational processes with the MPCl requirements.

During the extended grace period:

- NAIC will issue only Acceptance (ACT) responses and will temporarily suspend the issuance of Requests for Information (RFI) and Do Not Load (DNL) responses.
- No penalties, violations, or enforcement actions will be applied in relation to late filings during this period.
- 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, rather than through the issuance of violations.

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

Should you require any clarification regarding the MPCl implementation procedures, a dedicated meeting can be arranged with NAIC team to address all inquiries and provide the necessary guidance via email: mpci.inquiries@icp.gov.ae.

Regards,



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