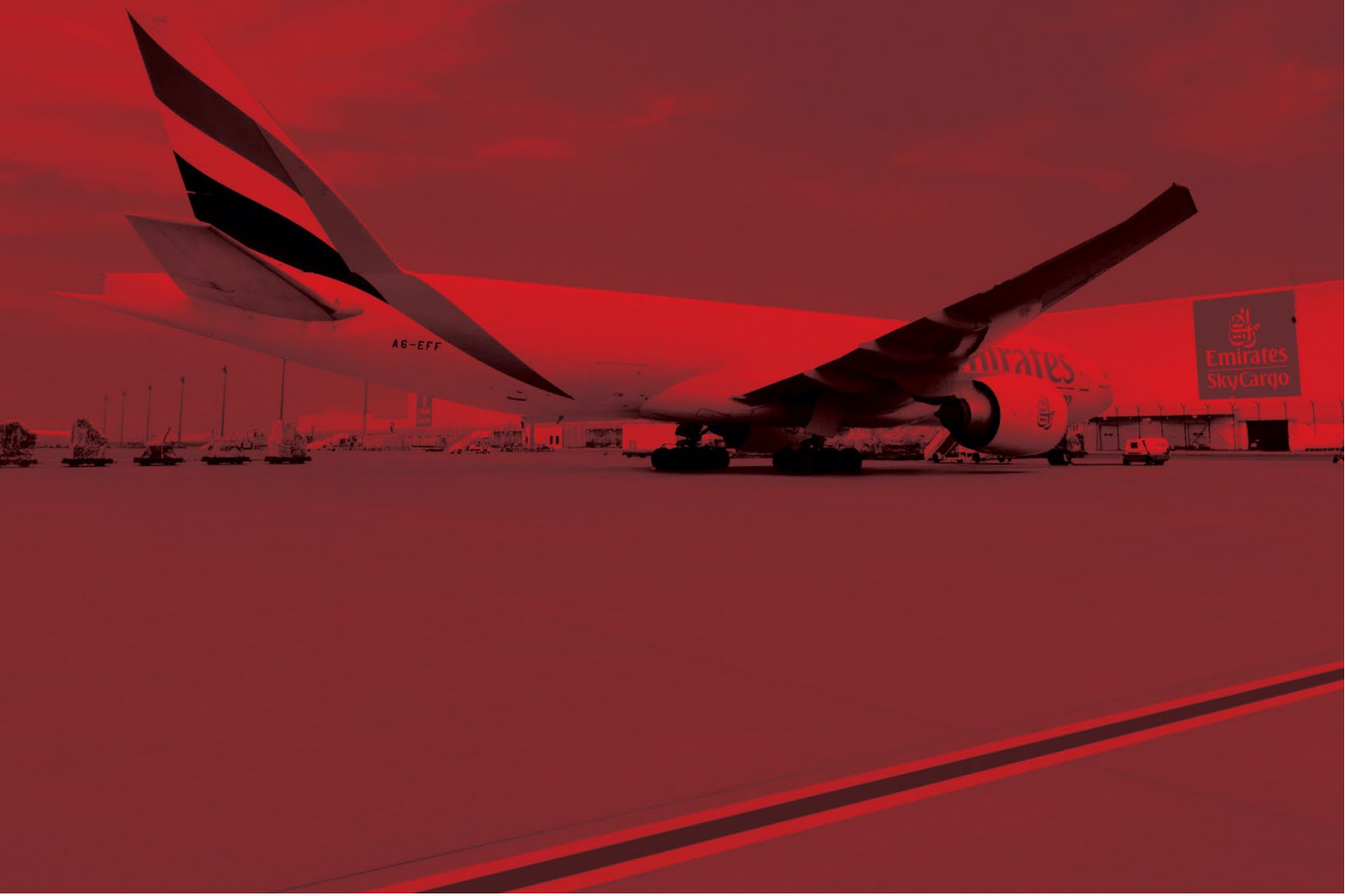


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US ACAS Enhanced Security Filings Additional Mandatory Data Elements

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



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WHAT IS THE US ACAS?

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The US Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS) is a Preloading Advance Cargo Information (PLACI) program introduced jointly by the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Transportation Security Administration (TSA), whereby the 7+1 data elements of every shipment routing to or via the US must be filed with ACAS and cleared for transportation.

Emirates went live with US ACAS filings in 2018.

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WHAT IS THE US ACAS ENHANCED SECURITY FILING?

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A very recently introduced initiative, the Enhanced ACAS Security Filing (ACAS SF) provides the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) additional data that better identifies the parties involved in the air cargo supply chain prior to cargo being loaded on board a U.S. bound aircraft.

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WHAT ARE THE ADDITIONAL DATA ELEMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE ENHANCED ACAS SECURITY FILINGS?

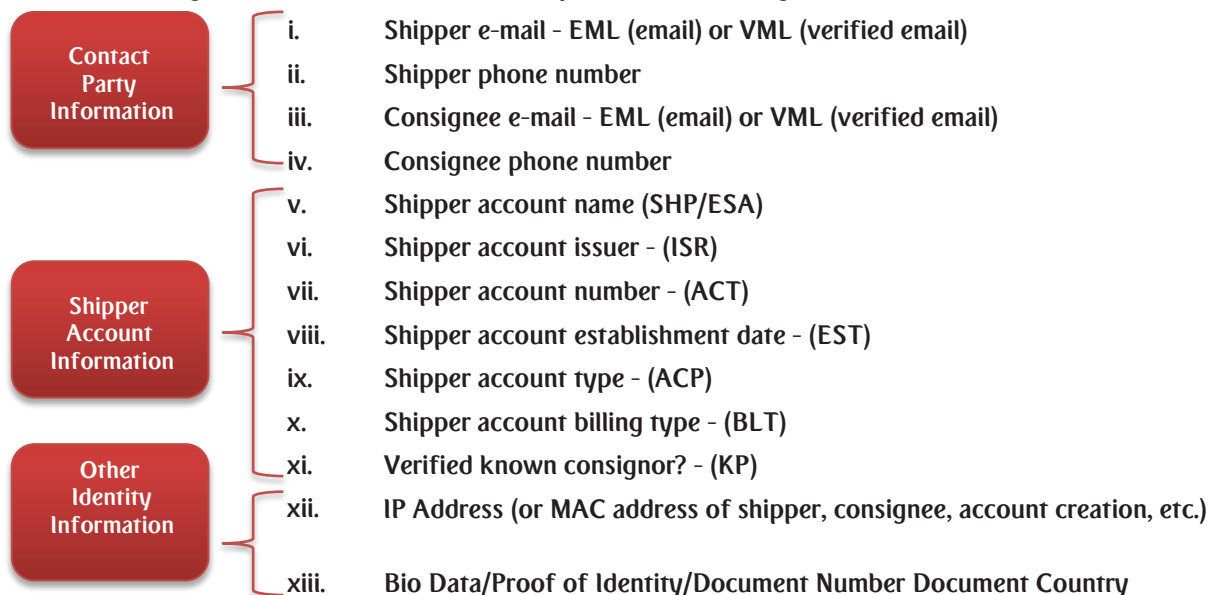
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The existing 7+1 data elements required for the US ACAS are:

- 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 associated to the master.

In addition to the 7+1 data elements, as part of the Enhanced US ACAS Security Filing, the following information are now mandatory for US ACAS filings:



- Q WHEN ARE THE ADDITIONAL DATA ELEMENTS COMING INTO FORCE?**
- A** The additional data elements for the Enhanced US ACAS Security Filing are in mandate effective immediately. However, the absence of a particular data set will not result in the shipment being held from transportation until further notice.
- Q WHAT ARE THE CONTACT PARTY INFORMATION DATASETS AND HOW MUST IT BE DECLARED?**
- A** The contact party information data elements provide contact details of the shipper and the consignee for the Enhanced US ACAS Security assessment. The data must be provided on the house waybill level (FHL) where an established relationship exists between the actual shipper of the goods and the shipper on the master waybill. The data must also be provided of the master waybill level (FWB) where an established relationship exists between the shipper on the master waybill and the carrier or its representative.

Data Element	Field & Format	Example
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shipper Phone Number ➤ Consignee Phone Number 	<p><u>Field</u>: OCI field of the FWB/FHL.</p> <p><u>Info Identifier</u>: SHP or CNE</p> <p><u>Customs Info Identifier</u>: CT</p> <p><u>Supplementary Customs Info</u>: <contact number without '+'></p>	<p>OCI/DE/SHP/CT/00496151123456</p> <p>OCI/US/CNE/CT/00171234567890</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shipper Email ➤ Consignee Email 	<p><u>Field</u>: OCI field of the FWB/FHL.</p> <p><u>Info Identifier</u>: SHP or CNE</p> <p><u>Customs Info Identifier</u>: CT</p> <p><u>Supplementary Customs Info</u>: EML<emailaddress(at)xyz.com> VML<emailaddress(at)xyz.com> (only use VML where the email address has been verified)</p>	<p>OCI/DE/SHP/CT/ EMLfredi.thomas(at)emirates.com</p> <p>OCI/US/CNE/CT/ VMLsubash.soman(at)emirates.com</p>

Q WHAT ARE SHIPPER ACCOUNT DATASETS AND HOW DO THEY DIFFER FROM THE SHIPPER DETAILS?

A In the vast majority of cases the Shipper Account will be exactly the same as the actual shipper on the waybill.
 The Shipper Account details are information of the actual person or entity (lowest level of information) from whom the goods are consigned from. For example, in an ecommerce house waybill, Person 123 may have ordered goods which Shipper XYZ prepares, and Freight Forwarder ABC consolidates. The Shipper Account Details on the house level in this scenario will be the account details of Person 123 and the shipper on the house Shipper XYZ.

For walk in customers that do not have an account, the walk-in customers national ID details must be captured and to a minimum must include: Name, Address, date of birth, ID type, ID Number, ID issuer, etc.

Data Element	Field & Format	Example
➤ Shipper Account Name	<p>Field: OCI field of the FWB/ FHL. Info Identifier: SHP Customs Info Identifier: T Supplementary Customs Info: ESA<Shipper Account Name> SHP<Shipper Name> (use only when the shipper on the waybill is the actual shipper)</p>	<p>OCI/DE/SHP/T/ESAFredi.Thomas12 OCI/US/SHP/T/SHPSubash_S22</p>
➤ Shipper Account Number	<p>Field: OCI field of the FWB/ FHL. Info Identifier: SHP Customs Info Identifier: CT Supplementary Customs Info: ACCTEL<contact number without '+'></p>	<p>OCI/DE/SHP/CT/ACCTEL00496151123488</p>

Here are five common scenarios for reference:

- A. Direct Relationship with Carrier – In this scenario, the actual shipper has a direct relationship with the air carrier and the air carrier provides full logistics services to the actual shipper. The air carrier establishes an account directly with the actual shipper. The Shipper Account Details on the master must be that of the actual shipper.
- B. Freight Forwarder (Consolidations) – In this scenario, a freight forwarder (or similar party) has the direct relationship with the actual shipper. In these cases, the actual shipper creates a customer account with the freight forwarder or similar party. The Shipper Account Details on the house must be the account details of the actual shipper with the freight forwarder.
- C. Express Shipping – In this scenario, a shipper (and a consignee on the other end of the transaction) creates an online account with a freight forwarder, customs broker or other 3rd party logistics provider. In these cases, an initial account is set up which typically includes basic account information to include the establishment of an account number.

- D. Internet Guest Log-on – A user signs on to the website of a 3rd party logistics provider via a guest account, sets up a shipment and prints out a label. While an account number may not be assigned, the 3rd party logistics provider collects minimum details such as party contact information. In this scenario, the Shipper Account Number may be left blank if none is presented. However, the filer of the Enhanced ACAS Security Filing needs to clarify that Shipper Account Type was a Type “I” - Immediate Transaction. In terms of best practices, and for supply chain security purposes, 3rd Party logistics providers should take steps to significantly limit or even consider eliminating this practice. Where no Shipper Account Number exists, Bio Data, in the form of a government issued identification document (w/ Name, Address, date of birth, ID type, ID Number, ID issuer, etc.) and an Internet Protocol Address (or MAC Address) of the device when the Shipper Account was created should be collected.
- E. “Walk-in” Customer – In this scenario, the Shipper Account Number of the agent must be provided, and the Shipper Account Type would be “S” Shipping Outlet – Walk-in. Where no Shipper Account Number for the actual shipper exists, Bio Data, in the form of a government issued identification document (w/ Name, Address, date of birth, ID type, ID Number, ID issuer, etc.).

Q WHAT ARE THE SHIPPER ACCOUNT ISSUER, NUMBER & ESTABLISHMENT DATE, AND HOW MUST IT BE DECLARED?

A The Shipper Account Issuer is the party that created or assigned the account number to the actual shipper. For the consolidations, generally the Shipper Account Issuer is the freight forwarder, for walk in customers the customs broker, and for direct shipment the air carrier.

The Shipper Account Number is the account number issued to the actual shipper by the party creating or assigning the account.

The Account Establishment date is the date the account was originally established. For older accounts where only the year is known, the date may be filled in as 0101YVVV.

Data Element	Field & Format	Example
➤ Shipper Account Issuer	<p>Field: OCI field of the FWB/ FHL. Info Identifier: SHP Customs Info Identifier: T Supplementary Customs Info: ISR<Shipper Account Issuer Name></p>	OCI/DE/SHP/T/ISREmiratesExpress
➤ Shipper Account Number	<p>Field: OCI field of the FWB/ FHL. Info Identifier: SHP Customs Info Identifier: T Supplementary Customs Info: ACT<Shipper Account Number></p>	OCI/DE/SHP/T/ACT1234-0001

<p>➤ Shipper Account Establishment Date</p>	<p>Field: OCI field of the FWB/ FHL. Info Identifier: SHP Customs Info Identifier: T Supplementary Customs Info: EST<Shipper Account Establishment Date in ddmmYYYY></p>	<p>OCI/DE/SHP/T/EST01022022</p>
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Q WHAT ARE THE SHIPPER ACCOUNT TYPE & SHIPPER ACCOUNT BILLING TYPE, AND HOW MUST IT BE DECLARED?

A The Shipper Account Type describes the nature of the business relationship between the actual shipper and their service provider (e.g., carrier, freight forwarder, customs broker, service center, or logistics provider). The following 5 types are currently recognized:

- S - Walk-in customer
- I - Immediate transaction (e.g., guest account - internet transaction)
- O - Occasional shipper (i.e., established account, but infrequent use – not a daily shipper/agent) B - Regular/daily shipper
- R - High-volume shipper (multiple times a day)

The Shipper Account Billing Type details how the shipping transaction was paid for.

- EFT - Electronic Funds Transfer
- CC - Credit Card/Debit Card
- CSH - Cash payment
- BILL - Periodic billing

Data Element	Field & Format	Example
<p>➤ Shipper Account Type</p>	<p>Field: OCI field of the FWB/ FHL. Info Identifier: SHP Customs Info Identifier: T Supplementary Customs Info: ACP<Shipper Account Issuer Name></p>	<p>OCI/DE/SHP/T/ACPB</p>
<p>➤ Shipper Account Billing Type</p>	<p>Field: OCI field of the FWB/ FHL. Info Identifier: SHP Customs Info Identifier: T Supplementary Customs Info: BLT<Billing type></p>	<p>OCI/DE/SHP/T/BLTCC</p>

Q WHO IS A KNOWN CONSIGNOR AND HOW MUST THE DATA BE DECLARED?

A Known Consignor status is a designation given to a shipper of mail or freight who can ship on their own account and meet the security standards and regulations for transporting their cargo by air in line with Regulation (EU) 185/2010. To be considered for Known Consignor status, businesses must meet certain criteria set by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). Once granted, Known Consignors are subject to annual validation audits by a CAA Aviation Security (AVSEC) Compliance Auditor. The declaring party must verify the validity of the known consignors security status. If the shipper does not qualify for this status, simply do not transmit this data element.

Data Element	Field & Format	Example
➤ Verified Known Consignor	Field: OCI field of the FWB/FHL. Info Identifier: SHP Customs Info Identifier: KC Supplementary Customs Info: KP<Y or N>	OCI/DE/SHP/KC/KPY

Q WHAT IS THE IP ADDRESS AND HOW MUST THE DATA BE DECLARED?

A CBP is looking to collect the IP Address (or MAC Address) of the device when the Shipper Account was created. For self-filers, CBP expects the self-filers IP address to be incorporated for their assessment.

Data Element	Field & Format	Example
➤ IP Address (or MAC address of shipper, consignee, account creation, etc.)	Field: OCI field of the FWB/FHL. Info Identifier: SHP Customs Info Identifier: T Supplementary Customs Info: IP<IP address>	OCI/DE/SHP/T/IP24.28.26.48.192

- Q** **WHEN AND HOW MUST THE PROOF OF IDENTIFY OR BIO DATA BE CAPTURED?**
- A** Bio data or proof of identify must be captured where actual shipper does not have an account (i.e. is a walk-in/immediate customer with insufficient credentials).

Data Element	Field & Format	Example
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proof of identity/ National ID 	<p>Field: OCI field of the FWB/ FHL. Info Identifier: SHP Customs Info Identifier: T Supplementary Customs Info: NID_<Passport/ID number> NIDN_<Name of the person> NIDA_<Address> NIDD_<Date of birth in ddmmYYYY> NIDT_<Type of ID> NIDI_<ID issuer details></p>	<p>OCI/DE/SHP/T/NID_N012345 /DE/SHP/T/NIDN_FrediThomas /DE/SHP/T/NIDA_XYZ Street, Dubai, /DE/SHP/T/NIDA_P.O.Box 622, U.A.E /DE/SHP/T/NIDD_01011985 /DE/SHP/T/NIDT_Passport /DE/SHP/T/NIDI_Government of UAE</p>

Further information on the new data elements can be found in [Air Cargo Advance Screening Implementation Guide](#). Where you have clarifications or concerns with regards to this FAQ, please feel free to reach out to Emirates SkyCargo at CargoSandPsupport@emirates.com and the team will revert back to you as appropriate.