

Advance Cargo Information (ACI) Fact Sheet

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Dear Valued PIL Customers,

Advance Cargo Information (ACI) is a new customs system under which Egyptian importers are required to declare full information about goods shipped to Egypt at least 48 hours before actual shipping from exporting country.

Under the ACI system, a unique number will be issued for each shipment (hereafter named ACID). Upon the acceptance of Egyptian Authorities, a unique ACID will be issued for each ACI request (maximum within 48 hours from request submission). An email is sent to the foreign exporter (shipper) requesting to include the following data elements in all documents related to the exported shipment:

- ✧ ACID Number: a 19-digit number uniquely identifying the ACI shipment.
Example: 4988470982020120017
- ✧ Consignee - Egyptian Importer TAX Number: a 9-digit number issued by the Egyptian Tax Authority uniquely identifying all companies registered in Egypt.
Example: 498847098
- ✧ Consignor/Shipper - Exporter Identification Number (Foreign Exporter ID):
 - The form can vary per country
 - The registration type can be either Company Registration or VAT number
 - The codes belong to the shipper on BL (It doesn't have to be the actual shipper)
 - The Exporter registration number issued by the relevant authorityExample: US-02-12083143645 (A US based exporter VAT number)

It is the *shipper responsibility* to submit these data elements to the shipping line booking office to comply with ACI requirement.



ACID# is required for all inbound shipment to destination country Egypt and is also required for following condition:

In-transit by road to neighbouring countries via Port of discharge Egypt

2) International transshipment at multiple Egyptian terminals (in case shunting between the discharge and load terminals is required)

ACID# is NOT required for following condition:

1) International transshipment – both discharge and load- is done at 1 single Egyptian terminal

2) Personal effect shipment

3) Ministry of Defense in Egypt is the Consignee

The full implementation of ACI is as of **1st October 2021 (ETD at Port of Loading)**.

Without valid ACID#, PIL will strictly refrain from loading any shipment planned to be destined to Egypt due to the regulation.

To recap the exporter is obliged to:

1) Mention ACID#, Importer VAT number, Exporter Registration number (Foreign Exporter ID) on all relevant shipping documents

2) To provide ACID#, Importer VAT number, Exporter Registration number to the PIL booking office at the time of Booking.

When these data elements are not provided, PIL will roll over your container to the next available vessel and the cost will be on the Exporter.

For further information on Egypt ACI, please check the link below:

<https://www.nafeza.gov.eg/en/site/aci-faq>

How to verify the validity of the ACI

- ✧ Until automated validation is ready, we will process the validation manually:
 - Along with all required documents the shipper should present a screenshot showing valid ACID (see below **Fig 2. COMPLETED SCREEN SHOWING VALID ACID WITH EXPIRY DATE**)
 - As a further check POL can access Nafeza website and confirm that ACI is valid. <https://www.nafeza.gov.eg/en/cargo/validate-aci>

Fig 1. BLANK SCREEN TO CHECK

ACI Request Data

please insert below fields data:


| | | |
|----------------------|--|--|
| ACID* | Egyptian Importer Tax ID* | |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | |
| Foreign Exporter ID* | Registration Type* | Country* |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text" value="Registration Number"/> | <input type="text" value="(not set)"/> |

Fig 2. COMPLETED SCREEN SHOWING VALID ACID WITH EXPIRY DATE

ACI Request Data

please insert below fields data:

| | | |
|--|--|---|
| ACID* | Egyptian Importer Tax ID* | |
| <input type="text" value="1003590352021060026"/> ✓ | <input type="text" value="100359035"/> ✓ | |
| Foreign Exporter ID* | Registration Type* | Country* |
| <input type="text" value="197500537W"/> ✓ | <input type="text" value="Registration Number"/> ✓ | <input type="text" value="SINGAPORE."/> ▼ |



Valid ACID

expires in 08 Sep 2021


Fig.3 REJECTED INVALID ACID

Validate ACI Request

ACI Request Data

please insert below fields data:

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| ACID* | Egyptian Importer Tax ID* | |
| 1003590352021060025 ✓ | 197500537W ✓ | |
| Foreign Exporter ID* | Registration Type* | Country* |
| 100359035 ✓ | Registration Number ✓ | SINGAPORE. ▼ |

 **Not A Valid ACID**
Invalid ACID

Thank you very much for your understanding.

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