

Canada PACT Frequently Asked Questions - External

1. What is the New Canada Pre-load Air Cargo Targeting (PACT) Program?

PACT is Transport Canada's new security program that aims to identify and apply mitigation measures to inbound high-risk air cargo shipments that could contain concealed improvised explosive devices prior to loading and departure to Canada. This is achieved through the risk assessment of pre-loading advance cargo information (PLACI) with the assistance of advanced analytics.

2. How does PACT work and what do you as a customer shipping with American Airlines Cargo need to do?

Similar to other countries' existing PLACI programs, like U.S.-ACAS and EU-ICS2, Canada PACT requires that American Airlines and any other air carrier importing/transiting freight shipments into Canada, received the data from our customers, for us to transmit data of the MAWB, HAWB and Cargo Manifest via electronic messages (FWB, FHL & FFM) for all cargo products (with few exceptions) and receive the authorization from Transport Canada authorities, before the shipment is loaded onto the aircraft.

3. When will PACT go into effect?

During the fall of 2024, on or around November 1, 2024.

4. Are there any types of exemptions under PACT?

Yes, the following types of shipments are exempt from PACT requirements:

- a. Mail shipments
- b. Shipments imported into Canada via truck
- c. Shipments exported out of Canada
- d. Diplomatic or consular bags
- e. Passengers' checked baggage
- f. Passengers' carry-on baggage
- g. Air cargo transported on an outbound flight, departing from Canada
- h. Air cargo on domestic flights within Canada
- i. Cargo that arrives in Canada via another mode of transportation, such as by road, sea, or rail (including where the last leg of a flight is transported via truck to Canada).

5. What shipment information does Transport Canada require for the shipment to be compliant with PACT?

PACT requires airlines to report the "7 +1 pre-load data elements" for Simple AWB or MAWB and HAWB (when applicable) via FWB & FHL message.

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- a. Shipper's name
- b. Shipper's address
- c. Consignee's name
- d. Consignee's address (Including postal code, and two-letter province code)

- e. Accurate and precise cargo description
- f. Total piece count
- g. Total weight of cargo (kg. only)
- h. Air Waybill number

6. What about additional data elements like HS/HTS Code or Consignee's Business Number, etc.?

No additional data elements are required. However, if an HS Code is submitted by the customer to AA (in the FWB/FHL), AA Cargo system will forward it and the PACT system will accept it.

7. Does PACT allow "self-filing" from Freight Forwarders or from parties other than the importing air carrier to transmit the required data for PACT purposes?

Yes, PACT allows "self-filing." However, American Airlines Cargo will not entertain "self-filing" by freight forwarders or any other party, as the regulations for PACT are clear, holding the importing air carrier as ultimately responsible for any missing or inaccurate information.

8. What happens if only one HAWB under a Consolidation shipment received a referral or hold? Will the rest of the shipment fly?

No, even if only one HAWB has a referral pending, American Airlines Cargo will hold the entire shipment until receipt of the "Risk Assessment Complete" message from the Transport Canada.

9. Where can additional information about PACT program be obtained?

[Pre-load Air Cargo Targeting \(PACT\) \(canada.ca\)](https://canada.ca)

10. What type of message responses are expected to be received from PACT?

The responses from PACT will be reflected as XCSN or CSN messages, with the following codes and meanings:

- **CO** - Assessment Complete
- **RI** - Request for Information (RFI) hold issued or currently in place
- **CO** - RFI Resolved – Hold removed
- **RS** - Request for Screening (RFS) issued or currently in place

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- **CO** - RFS resolved—Hold removed
- **CD** - Do Not Load (DNL) issued or currently in place
- **CO** - DNL Resolved – Hold removed

Please be advised, these message response codes will be reflected only in American Airlines Cargo system, and will not be forwarded to our customers' systems.