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The air cargo industry is witnessing significant developments in pre-loading risk assessments, with the expansion of various pre-loading advance cargo information (PLACI) regimes. Following the 2018 launch of the U.S. Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS) program and the EU ICS2 program launch last year, other regions are now adopting similar measures. These initiatives aim to deliver initial data-based risk assessments, to identify/mitigate high-risk air cargo shipments that may conceal improvised explosive devices before loading onto an aircraft departing to the PLACI implementing country.

By 2025, PLACI regimes will impact 35% of air cargo shipments globally. The impact on industry is significant, requiring substantial investments from airlines and their partners (ground-handlers, freight forwarders/shippers, etc.) to comply with the new requirements.

All supply chain partners must ensure full compliance. While air carriers are often deemed the ultimate responsible party, the consequences of non-compliance affect the entire air cargo supply chain, leading to delays, increased costs and heightened scrutiny.

PLACI in Canada (PACT)

On October 11, 2024, the final regulations amending the Canadian Aviation Security Regulations, 2012 (Air Cargo) were approved, mandating the Pre-load Air Cargo Targeting (PACT) program. These requirements will take effect on April 1, 2025.

Read more in an [article from IATA](#).