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AGENDA

10:00 - 10:05	*Welcome Message*
10:05 - 10:10	*NAIC Introduction*
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10:15 - 10:45	*MPCI Requirements*
10:45 - 10:55	*Break*
10:55 - 11:00	*Pilot Results*
11:00 - 11:30	*Panel Discussions*
11:30 - 11:40	*Solutions for Filing*
11:40 - 11:55	*Audience Q & A*
11:55 - 12:00	*Closure*

Reminder

Please submit your questions in the Q&A panel during the session. We'll address them during the designated Q&A segment at the end.

Note

This session will be recorded. A link to the recording and materials will be shared with all registered participants after the webinar."

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NAIC INTRODUCTION

National Advance Information Center

- Operates under the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs & Port Security.
- Established in 2012 as a federal initiative to collect advance passenger information, with operational launch in 2015.
- In 2016, its mandate expanded to include cargo, with cargo data collection officially launched in 2020.
- Launched the PLACI program in April 2024, focused on collecting pre-loading air cargo data from airlines.





MPCI PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

What is Maritime preload cargo information program?

1. Requires submission of Bill of Lading data for containerized cargo prior to loading

2. Enhances risk management, improves data accuracy, facilitates trade flow, and supports regulatory compliance

3. Operates independently from existing Customs filing processes



MPCI Program Scope

IN SCOPE

- Containerized Maritime Shipments
- Shipments inbound to the UAE
  (import, transit, transshipment, FROB)

OUT OF SCOPE

- Non-containerized cargo:
  - Bulk cargo: dry-bulk, liquid-bulk and break-bulk shipments
  - RoRo
- Export shipments
- Wooden Vessels
- Empty Containers
- Crew’s effects

Filing Liability



Shipping Line

Master Bills of Lading

6 Hours Pre-loading

Direct Bills of Lading

24 Hours Pre-loading

Filing can be delegated to local or overseas **shipping agents**



Freight Forwarder

Master Co-Loader Bill

6 Hours Pre-loading

Lowest Level House

24 Hours Pre-loading

Filing can be delegated to local or overseas **freight forwarders**

Filing Business Process



File

Submit the shipment data to NAIC for risk assessment.



Receive RFI (Optional)

Only triggered in rare cases where a Request for Information (RFI) is needed before approval.



Amend (Optional)

Submit an update if changes occur or in response to an RFI.



NAIC Final Decision

In most cases, loading will be automatically approved. "Do Not Load" will be rare and not enforced initially.

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Amendment Types



Standard Updates

Updates due to operational changes or corrections



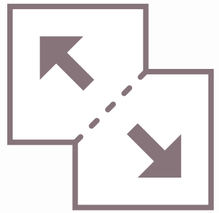
Response to RFI

Provide additional information requested by NAIC through an RFI message



Switch Bill

A switch bill of lading is issued to replace the original, reflecting changes in consignee, or shipper.



Split Bill

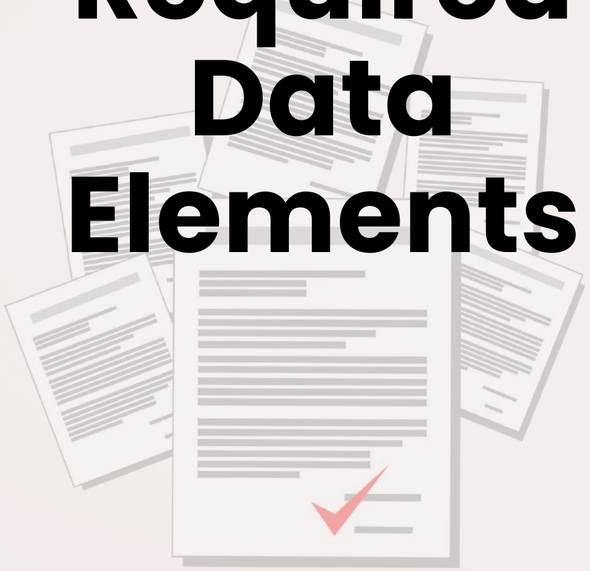
A shipment under one bill of lading is split across vessels or voyages, affecting master or house levels.



Cancellation

Full cancellation due to errors, misrouting, or client request.

Required Data Elements



01 Bill Information

Includes the Bill of Lading number, type (Direct or Consolidated), and status (New, Cancelled).

02 Negotiability

Indicates whether the bill is Negotiable or Non-Negotiable (i.e., issued To Order or to a named consignee).

03 MPCI Codes

Includes the filer's MPCI code and, if applicable, MPCI codes of other responsible parties.

04 Party Details

Includes names and addresses of the shipper, consignee, notify party, and delivery agent and other parties when applicable.

05 Port Information

Such as port of loading, port of discharge, transshipment ports, and final delivery location.

06 Vessel & Voyage Information

Such as vessel name, IMO number, voyage number, and ETA.
Required by Shipping Lines only

07 Container & Seal Details

Includes container number, type, and seal number.

08 Goods & Packages Details

Such as goods description, HS Code, number and type of packages, weight, and volume.

09 Related Bills

Includes count of associated house bills and reference to the parent bill, if applicable.

10 Other B/L Details

Such as the issue date and any other relevant optional information on the bill.

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MPCI Code: How to get and Use



How to Obtain

- Shipping lines and freight forwarders receive their MPCI code **upon registration**.
- All **shipping line MPCI codes** are published on the NAIC **portal** for reference during filing.

Use in Related Bills

- **House filing:** Include MPCI code of the master filer (shipping line or master co-loader)
- **Master filing:** Include MPCI code of the freight forwarder expected to file the house

Delegation

Delegated **FFs** or **shipping agents** must provide:

- Their **own MPCI code**
- The **MPCI code** of the party they're **filing on behalf of**

How to File?



Freight Forwarder

Register in NAIC Portal and receive MPCI ID

Check NAIIC Documentation in Portal

Chose a Filing Method



Overseas Freight Forwarders

Delegate overseas FF on NAIC portal

Coordinate & Provide MPCI ID to overseas FF



TMS Service Provider

Check if certified with NAIC

Submit Bill of Lading to NAIC



Technology Service Provider

Select & agree with a certified service provider

Directly integrate, Fill in a form or upload attachment



Shipping Agent

Coordinate with the Shipping Agent to begin filing

Provide MPCI ID to shipping agent



Direct Integration

Contact NAIC for connectivity and testing

Submit filing to NAIC in EDIFACT format



Shipping Line

Register in NAIC Portal and receive MPCI ID

Check NAIIC Documentation in Portal

Chose Filing Method

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REGISTRATION PROCESS

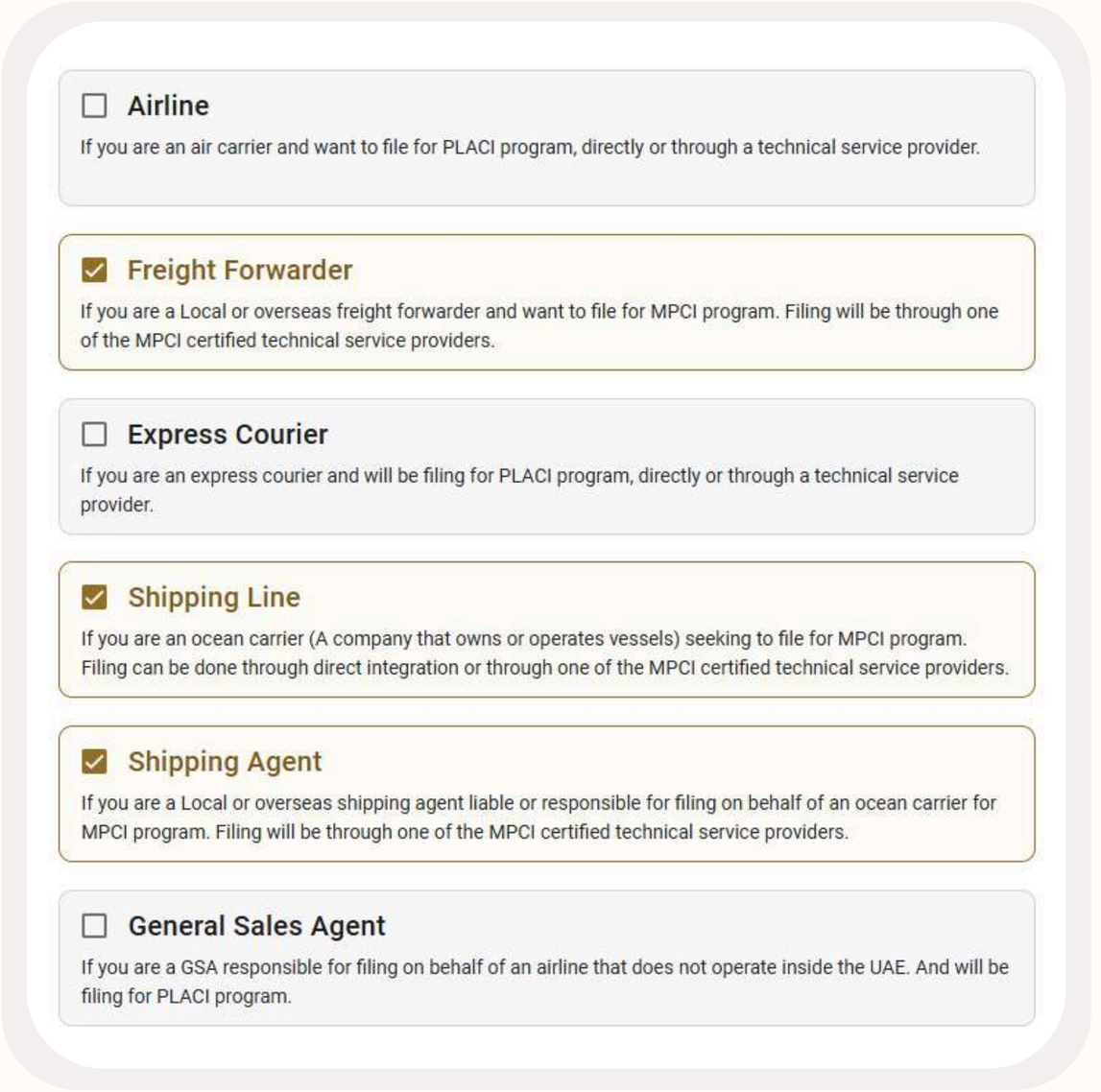
Registration Process

Choose Your Role

The registration process begins by selecting the role that best matches your business activity.

- If your company operates as both a **shipping line and** a **shipping agent**, you can register **separately** for each role if needed.

- If your company plays the roles of both a **freight forwarder** and a **shipping agent**, you can register **once** by selecting both roles during the registration.

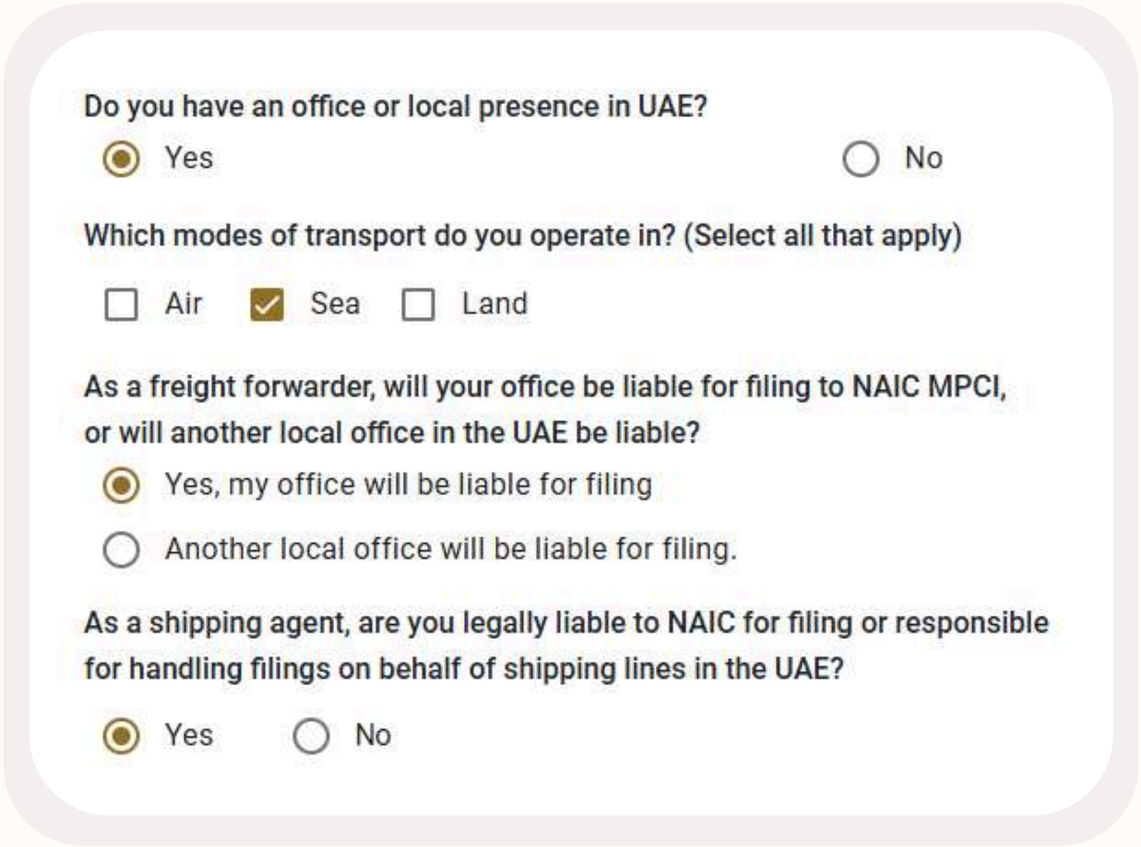


Registration Process

Pre-registration Questions

For the time being, registration (and filing) is not required if:

- You are a **freight forwarder** with **no legal presence** in the UAE and have **not been delegated** by a local freight forwarder.
- If the **office** you are representing will **not** be **liable** for filing.
- You are a **freight forwarder** who does **not operate** in **sea or ocean** freight.
- You are a local or overseas **shipping agent** who has **not been delegated** by a shipping line to file on their behalf.



Registration Process

Enter your details

Follow the wizard to enter your company details.

- **Tax registration Number** is required for local companies.
- If no TRN, provide license details.
- **Shipping lines** only need to chose their **SMDG code**, TRN is not required.
- **MPCI contact** is used for **business communication** (e.g., RFI) — ensure it's up to date.
- Optionally, add a **technical support contact** if different from MPCI contact.

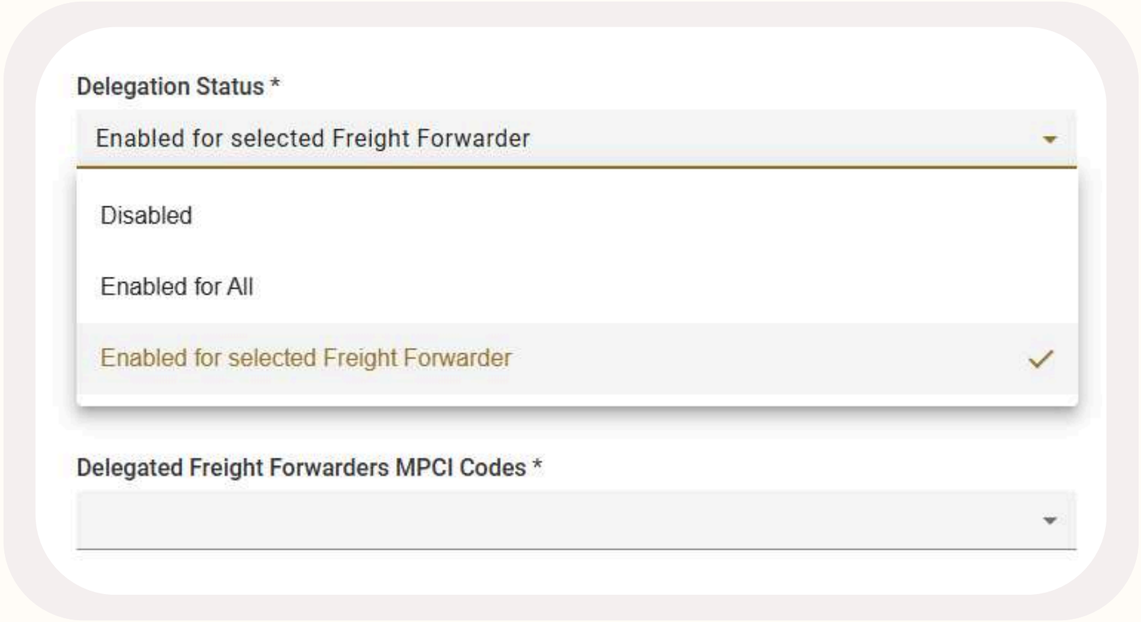
1. Company Details
2. Company Identification
3. Contact Details
4. Admin Details

Registration Process

Freight Forwarder Delegation

Each freight forwarder can choose one of the following delegation options:

- **Disabled** – No other freight forwarder can file on their behalf
- **Enabled for All** – Any FF with their MPCI code can file on their behalf
- **Enabled for Selected FFs** – Selected FFs must first register, obtain an MPCI code, and share it with the local FF.

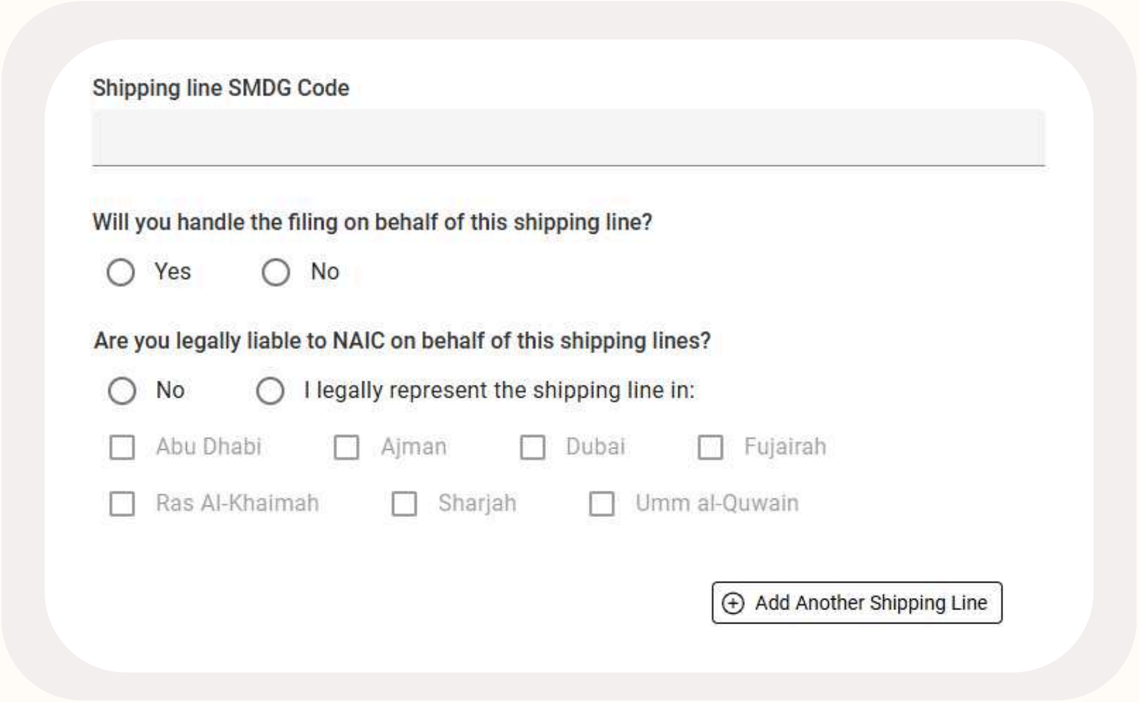


Registration Process

Shipping Agent Delegation

When registering, shipping agents need to:

- Choose the **shipping line(s)** they'll be filing for.
- Specify if they're **legally responsible** or just handling **filing** on behalf of the line.
- Specify the **emirate(s) of liability**, if it's not UAE-wide.

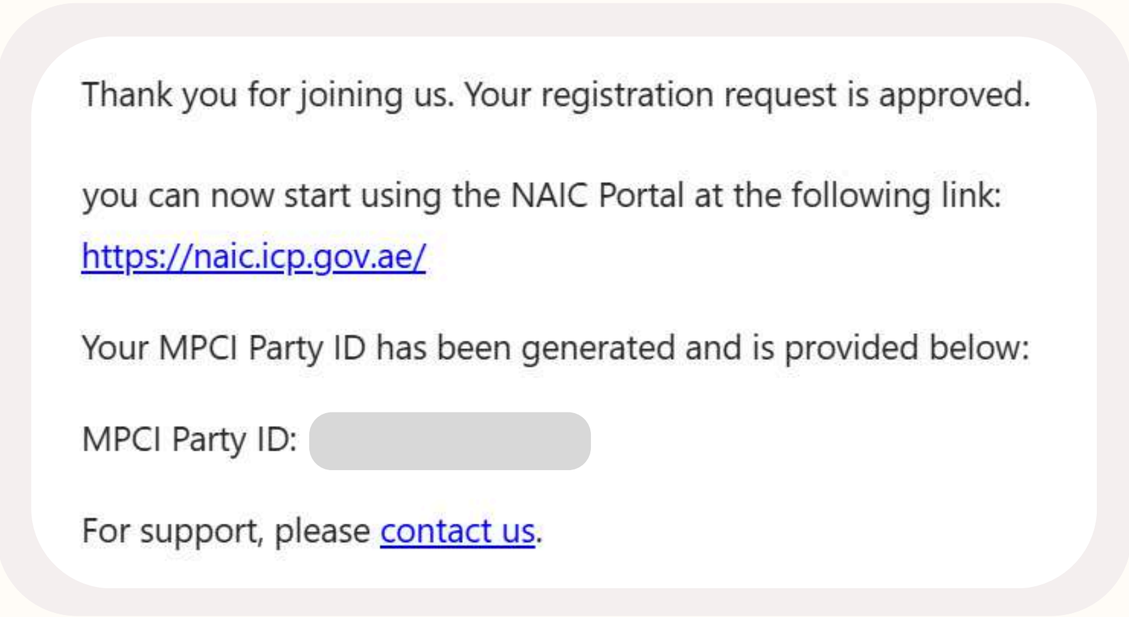


Registration Process

Submission and Approval

Once all required details are entered:

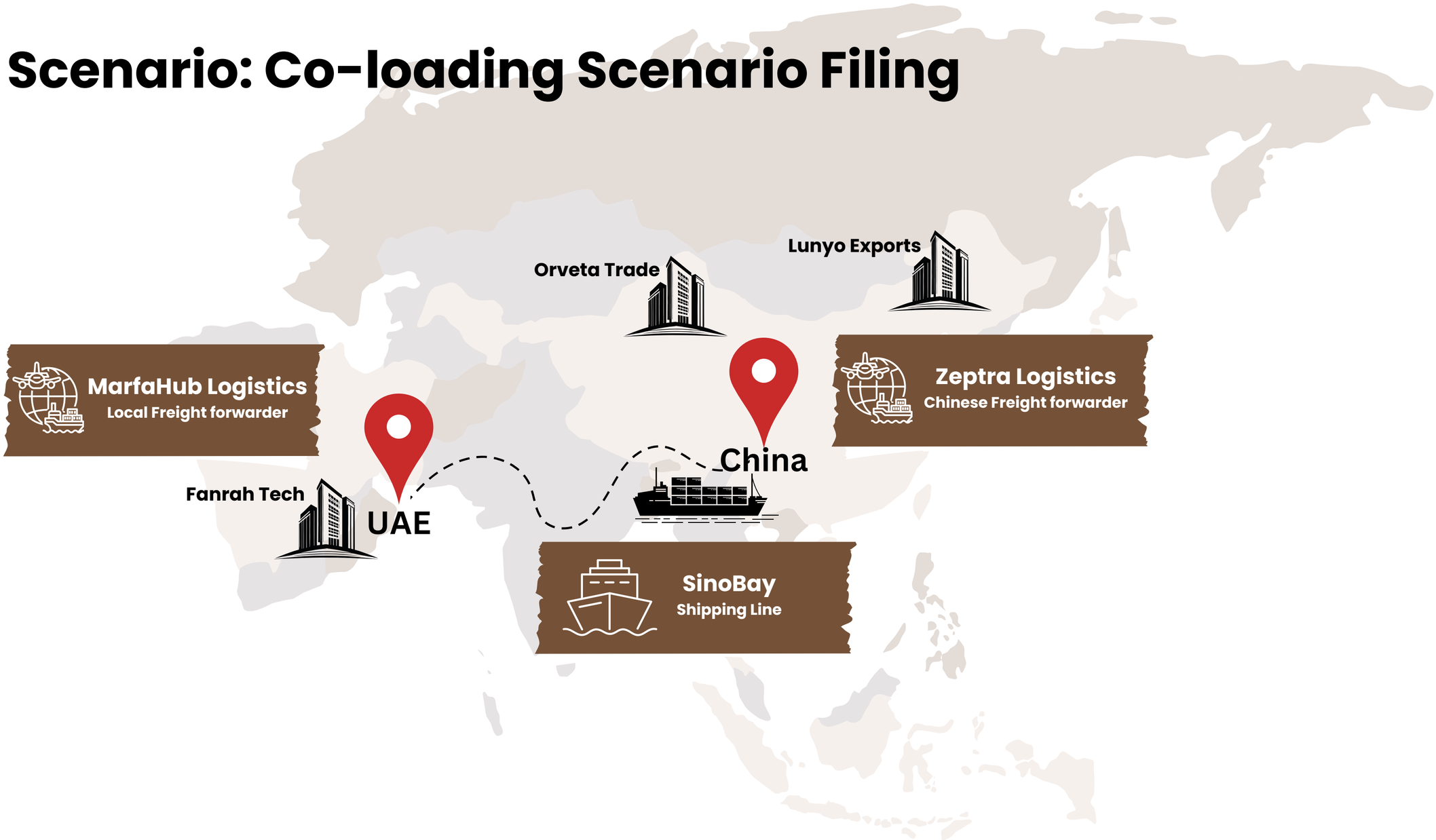
- The admin user can add additional **users** before submitting the registration request.
- The registration request is then **submitted for review** by NAIC.
- Upon approval, a **confirmation email** including the **MPCI code** will be sent to the admin email address.
- The company is now **ready** to begin filing.





EXAMPLE BUSINESS SCENARIOS

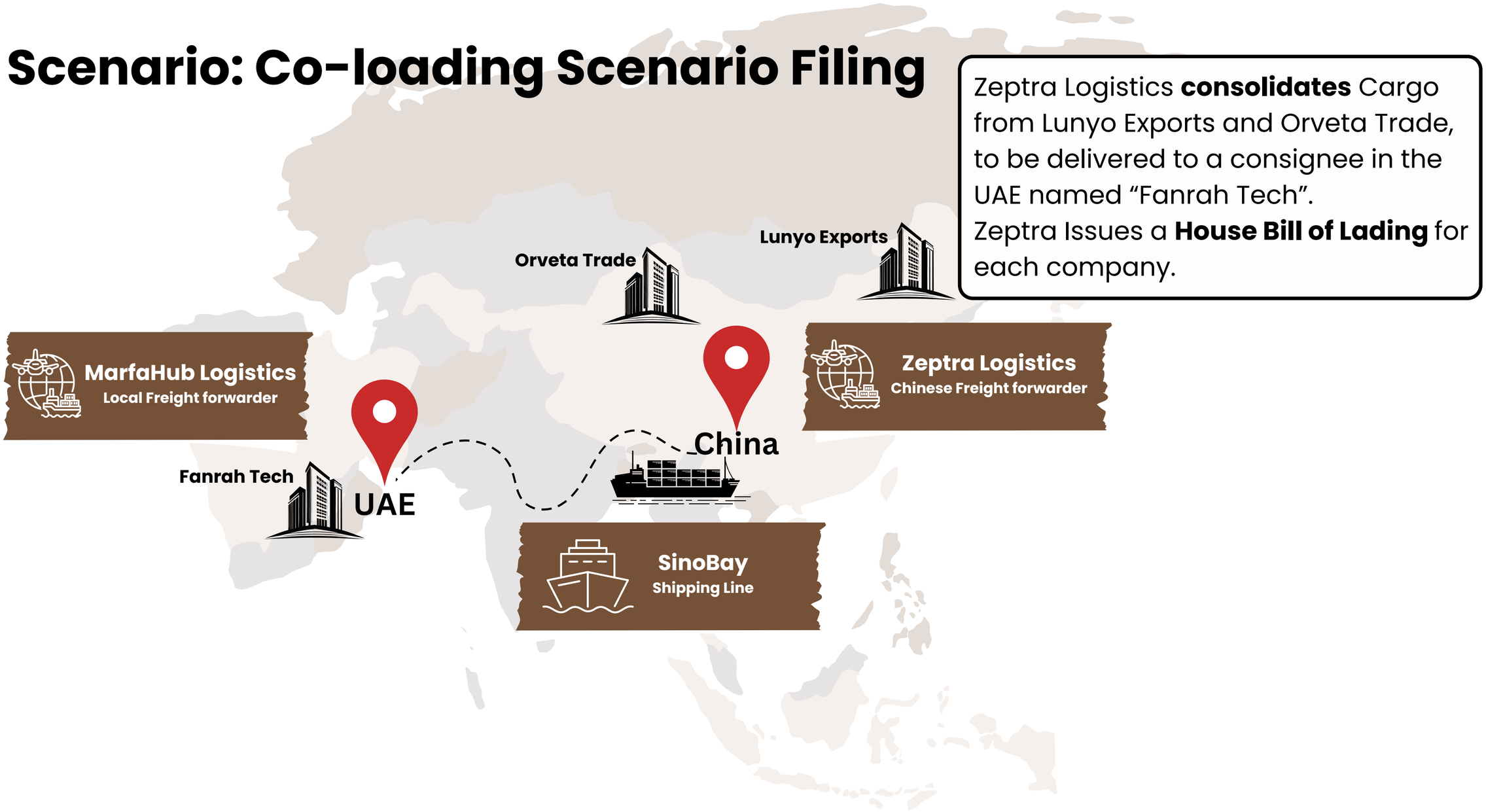
Scenario: Co-loading Scenario Filing



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BL 1

Bill Number: BL1

Shipper: Lunyo Exports

Consignee: Fanrah Tech

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BL 2

Bill Number: BL2

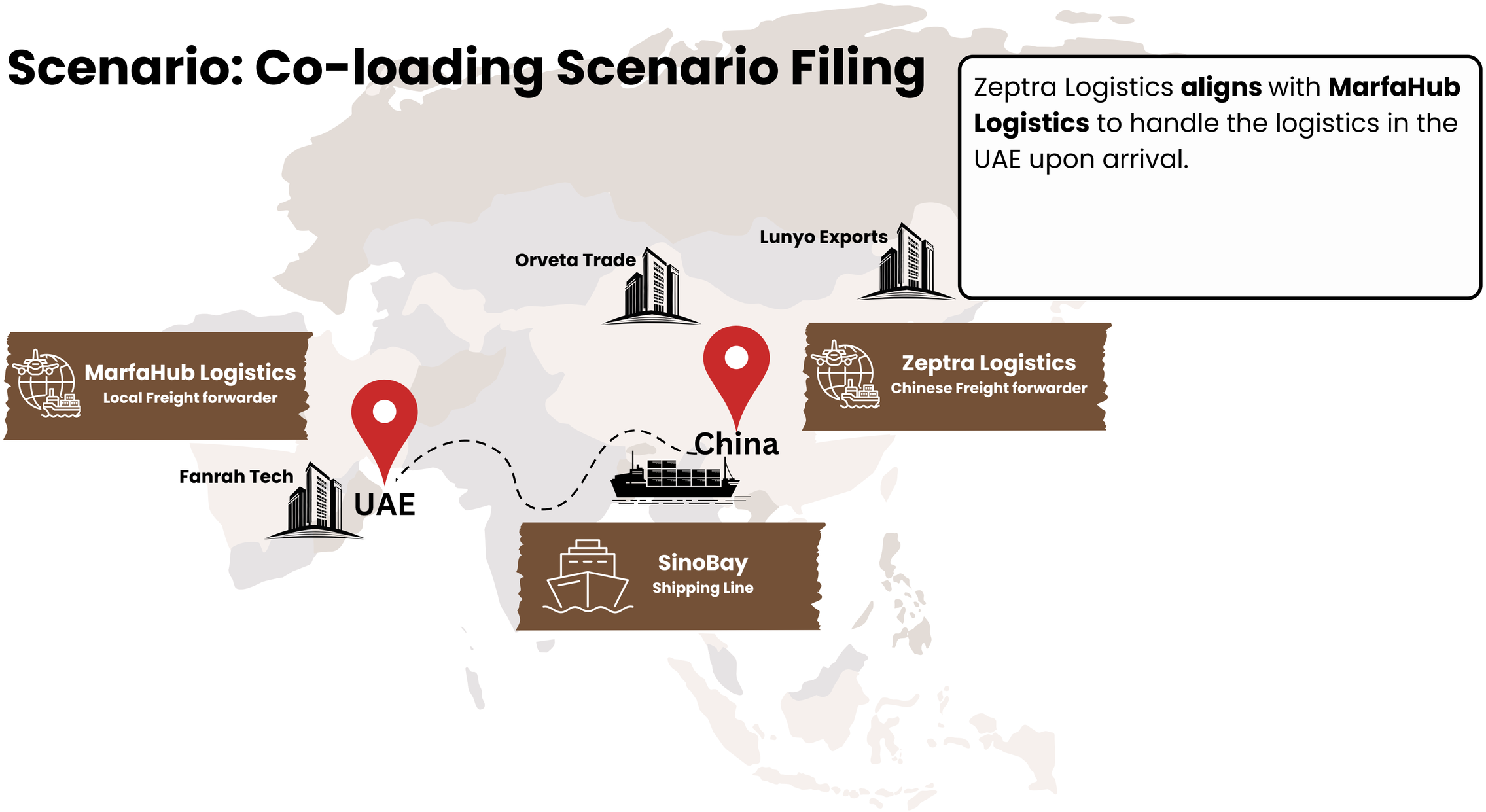
Shipper: Orveta Trade

Consignee: FanrahTech

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Scenario: Co-loading Scenario Filing

Zeptra Logistics **aligns** with **MarfaHub Logistics** to handle the logistics in the UAE upon arrival.



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Scenario: Co-loading Scenario Filing

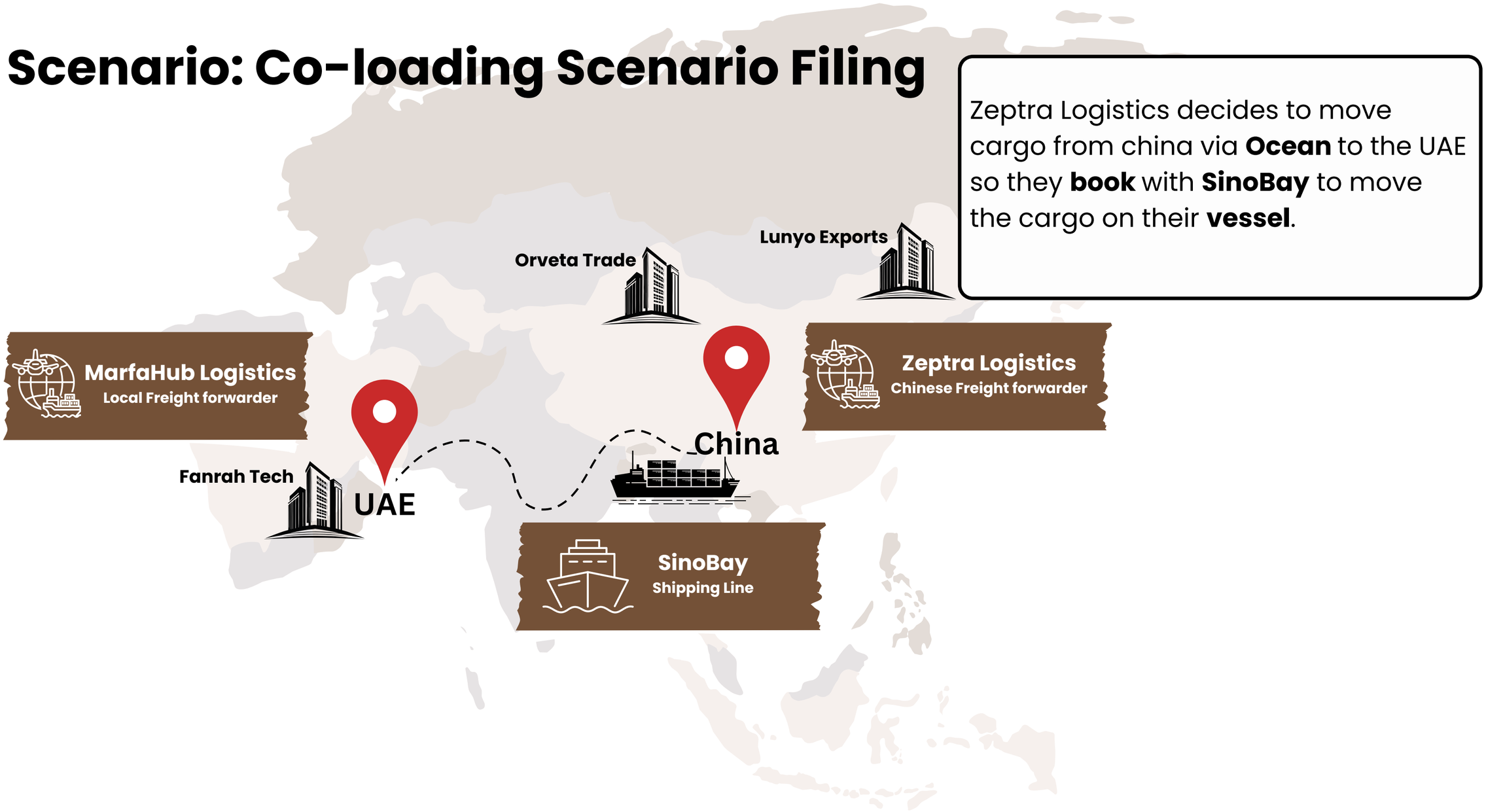
According to the **agreement** with MarfaHub Logistics the **filing** to NAIC will be handled by **Zeptra Logistics**. Though the **liability** is on **MarfaHub Logistics**.



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Scenario: Co-loading Scenario Filing

Zeptra Logistics decides to move cargo from china via **Ocean** to the UAE so they **book** with **SinoBay** to move the cargo on their **vessel**.



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Scenario: Co-loading Scenario Filing



BL 3

Bill Number: BL3

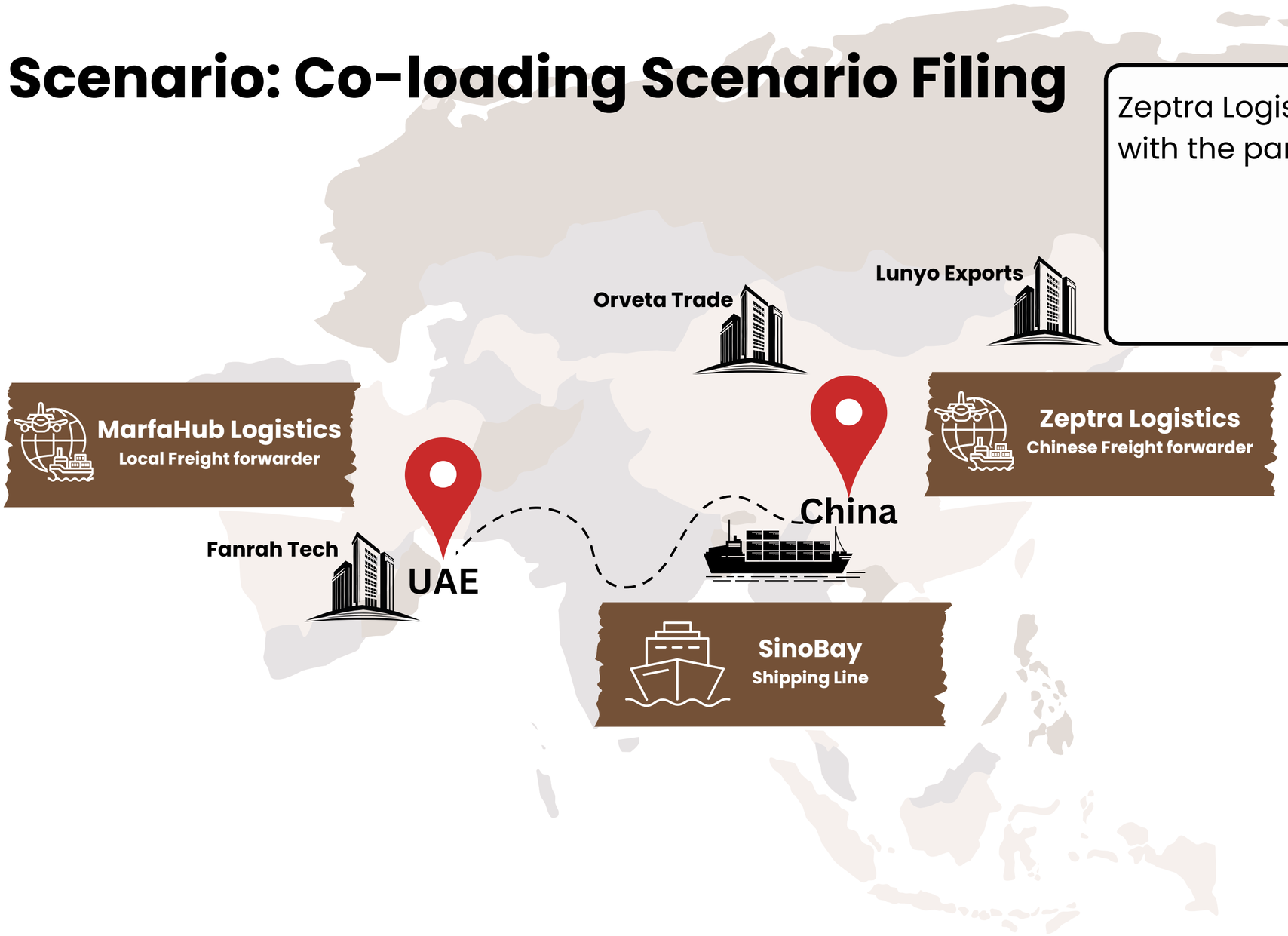
Shipper: Zeptra Logistics

Consignee: MarfaHub Logistics

SinoBay issue a **bill of lading** to Zeptra Logistics as a contract of carriage between them.

Scenario: Co-loading Scenario Filing

Zeptra Logistics **enriches BL1 & BL2** with the parent BL number “BL3”.



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Bill Number: BL1

Shipper: Lunyo Exports

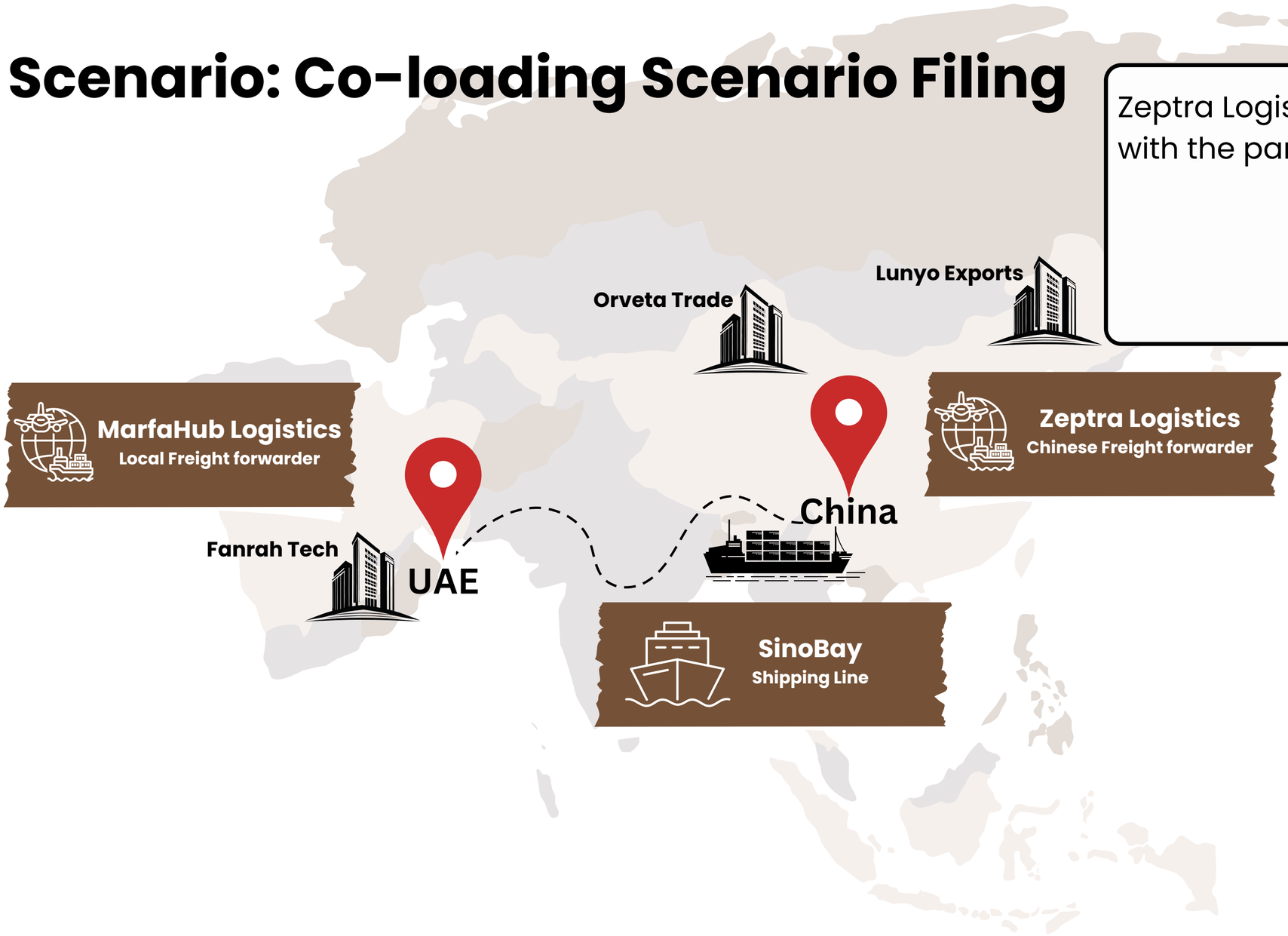
Consignee: Fanrah Tech

Parent BL: BL3

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Scenario: Co-loading Scenario Filing

Zeptra Logistics **enriches BL1 & BL2** with the parent BL number “BL3”.



BL 2

Bill Number: BL2

Shipper: Orveta Trade

Consignee: Fanrah Tech

Parent BL: BL3

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Scenario: Co-loading Scenario Filing

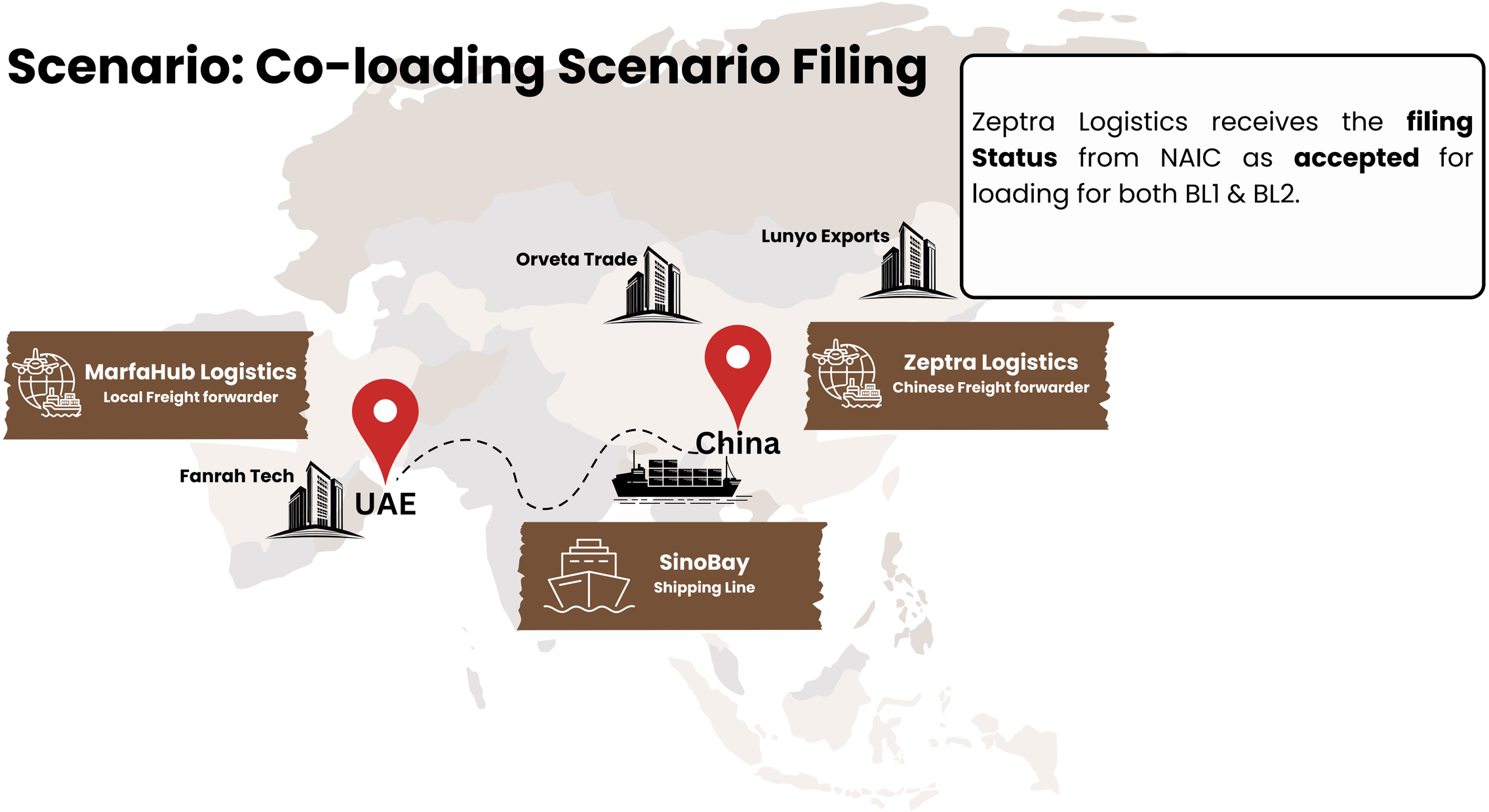
Zeptra Logistics **submits the filing** for both BL1 & BL2 through they **Transport Management System** (TMS) which is integrated with NAIC.



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Scenario: Co-loading Scenario Filing

Zeptra Logistics receives the **filing Status** from NAIC as **accepted** for loading for both BL1 & BL2.



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Scenario: Co-loading Scenario Filing



BL 3

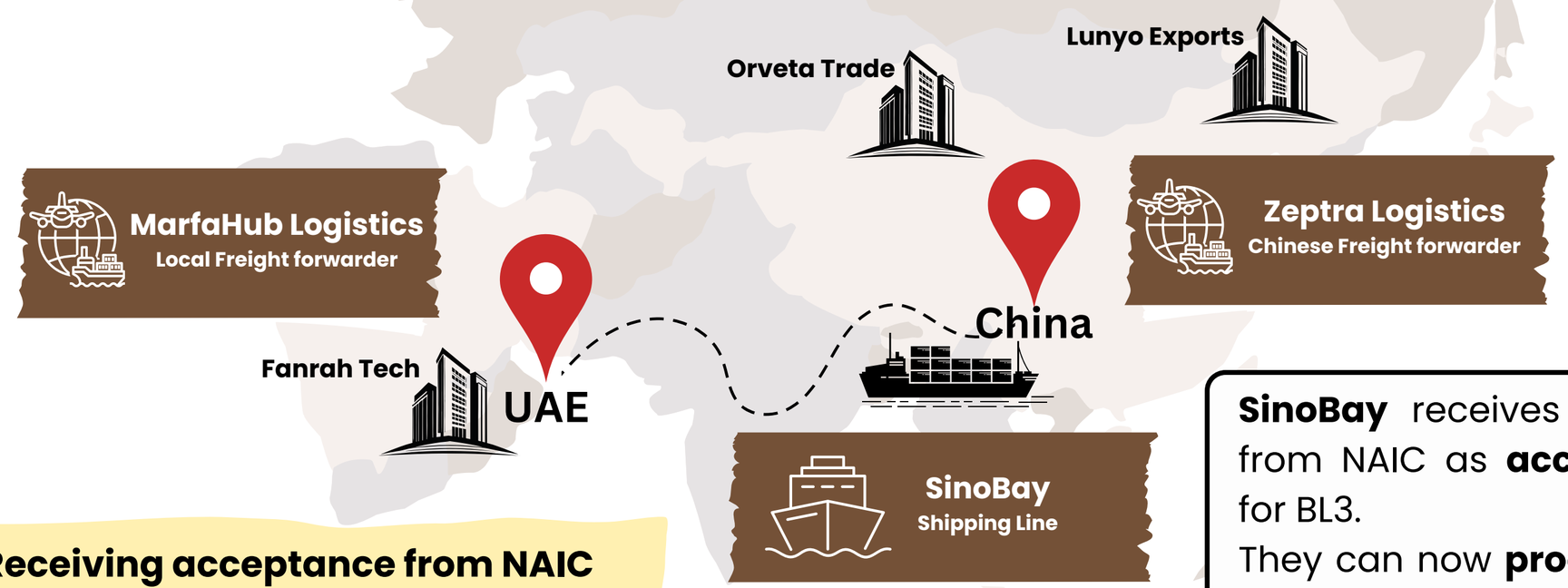
Bill Number: BL3

Shipper: Zeptra Logistics

Consignee: MarfaHub Logistics

SinoBay performs the **filing** using **direct integration** with NAIC.

Scenario: Co-loading Scenario Filing



Receiving acceptance from NAIC means that all underlying bills are accepted as well.

SinoBay receives the **filing Status** from NAIC as **accepted** for loading for BL3.
They can now **proceed with loading** the cargo on the vessel heading to the UAE.

Go Live Date & Grace Period

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JULY
2025

MPCI System Go-Live

Ocean Carriers & Freight forwarders can start filling to NAIC

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MARCH
2026

Grace Period

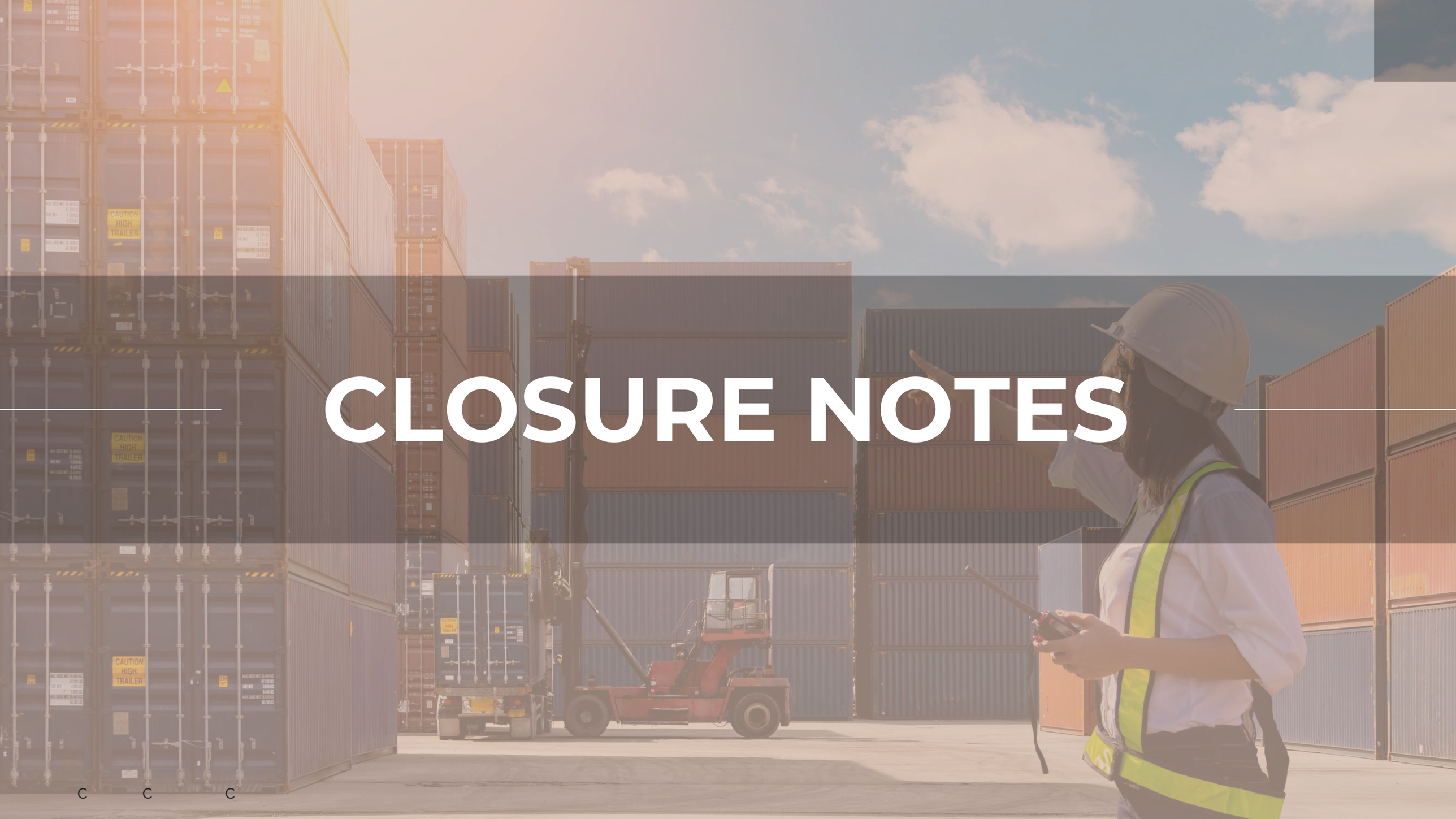
Grace period for the industry to meet the MPCI requirement

During Grace Period:

- No penalties or enforcement actions will be applied
- All shipments filed will receive an “Assessment Complete” (AC) response
- There will be no RFI or Do Not Load (DNL) responses issued

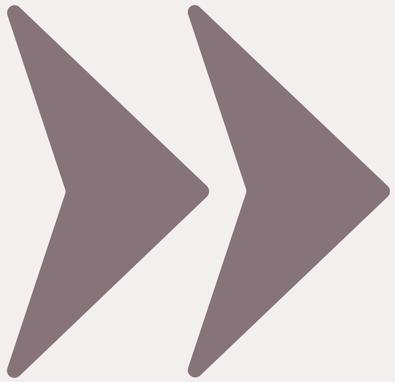


Q & A



CLOSURE NOTES

Next Steps



- Register to NAIC Portal.
- Review the Documentation.
- Select your Integration Channel.

References & Documentation

NAIC Website for program details, documentation and registration.
https://naic.icp.gov.ae/

Documentation:

- **Business Specifications Document –** Provides an overview of the business process, requirements, and filing timelines across different scenarios.
- **Message Implementation Guide (MIG) –** Contains technical integration details, including EDIFACT format and required/optional data elements.
- **Onboarding Guide –** Outlines the full registration process and necessary steps for onboarding.

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