

FAQs Enhanced Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS) Interim Final Rule

1. What is the Enhanced ACAS Interim Final Rule, and how does it affect my shipments?

To address ongoing aviation security threats, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) enhanced its Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS) program on November 21, 2025.

- What is changing: Under this program, air carriers like FedEx are required to collect additional data elements from shippers for certain international shipments that move through our connected global network.
- Key timeline: While we are currently operating under a phased enforcement period provided by CBP, FedEx is introducing a phased transition to help customers prepare before full CBP enforcement begins on May 1, 2027. To prevent shipping delays, FedEx will begin requiring shipper and consignee email addresses for certain international shipments ahead of the deadline:
 - **November 2026:** Requirement begins for **FedEx Ship Manager® at fedex.com** users.
 - **January 2027:** Requirement begins for customers integrated via **FedEx APIs (FAPI)**.
 - **May 1, 2027:** Full CBP enforcement begins.

For full details on the regulatory enforcement phase, [view the CBP announcement](#).

2. What are the "additional data elements" I need to provide?

Some of the enhanced ACAS data elements that FedEx will need to collect from shippers include the following:

- Shipper and Consignee email address (*Required for FedEx Ship Manager® at fedex.com users starting Nov. 2026; FedEx API users starting Jan. 2027*)
- Consignee phone number
- Ship to Party name and address (if different from Consignee)
- The shipper's Verified Known Consignor (VKC) status (if applicable, no action is required if this does not apply)

In certain scenarios, additional data elements will need to be collected from shippers, including:

- Shipper phone number

- Biographic data
- For e-commerce and online marketplace transactions, the unmasked IP address or MAC address of the device used by the consignee to purchase the product and the products:
 - URL link; or
 - SKU number

3. How will this impact my daily shipping operations?

Due to the strict enforcement of this rule, significant impacts are expected if data is missing or incomplete when full enforcement begins on May 1, 2027. For instance, non-compliant shipments could face shipping delays. As a result, please take action now to avoid such impacts, based on how you ship:

- FedEx Ship Manager® at fedex.com users: Prepare to input mandatory shipper and consignee email addresses starting **November 2026**.
- FedEx API (FAPI) customers: Update your shipping systems and APIs to capture and transmit the new email fields starting **January 2027**

4. Are there additional resources available?

Yes, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has provided [Enhanced ACAS FAQs](#) with more details and you can view the official [Federal Register announcement](#) for more information. Please continue to check this page for more updates as they are available.