



e-AWB Special Handling Codes at a glance

The electronic Air Waybill (e-AWB) is the electronic contract of carriage between the “shipper” (freight forwarder) and the “carrier” (airline).

An e-AWB is formed between two parties having signed an e-AWB agreement - whether a multilateral agreement (MeA) or a bilateral agreement - and is materialized with the exchange of an IATA standard (X)FWB message or any other electronic means.

For e-AWB under the MeA, the cargo contract is deemed concluded at the time the status message (X)FSU-FOH is sent from the airline to the forwarder.

MeA
+ FF activated
+ (X)FWB
+ (X)FSU-FOH

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Freight Forwarder

The purpose of the EAW/EAP is to allow forwarders to signal to the airline whether the shipment is tendered with accompanying document (e.g. DGD) or pouch

EAW e-AWB shipment without accompanying documents AND without pouch

EAP e-AWB shipment with accompanying documents OR pouch

Airlines

The purpose of the ECC/ECP codes is to identify whether a printout of the AWB needs to accompany the shipment. This information is for the airline and GHA

ECC A paper AWB is not required

ECP A paper AWB needs to be printed to comply to any applicable legislation

The combination of the freight forwarder codes (EAW/EAP) with the airline’s (ECC/ECP) leads to the following four scenarios

