



Dear Valuable Customers and Partners,

International Maritime Organization 'IMO' has announced new Safety of Life at Sea Convention 'SOLAS' policy obliges the Shippers to declare the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of the containers before their loading, as of July 1st, 2016 for supplying more safety and more secured international maritime transportation.

It will be effected on the same time all around the World. This rule should be applied for all containers in all port of loadings. Responsible parties has restricted as Shippers, Line Operators, Freight Forwarders, Terminal or Port Operators, Carriers and Container Scale Operators.

Exporters are responsible for providing Verified Gross Mass (VGM) document before full Container gate in to port, shortly later after stuffing,packed and sealed. The VGM document will include Verified Gross Mass, Container details (Number, Seal number, Tare weight etc.), Weight measurement types, Weighing Date, Scale identity and which method has followed for weighting Container (Method-1 or Method-2).

Due to any delay or not declaration of VGM/related documents, containers will not be allowed to ship on vessel. Also all containers will be shipped due to its maximum payload.

Method-1;

After packing and sealing a container and using calibrated and certified equipment, shipper may weight or could be arranged by a third party suppliers for weighting the packed container.

Method-2;

On the other hand The shipper or by arrangement of the shipper or a third party supplier may weight all packages and cargo items, including the mass of pallets, dunnage and other packing and securing materials to be packed in the container and add tare weight of the Container (that is clearly marked on the container) to the sum of the single masses of the container's contents. Method 2 could be carried only by Authoried Economic Operator (AEO) companies.

All containers should be weightened and informed to us before gate in. Or else Container could be kept waiting by authorities thats cause extra charges.

Providing declaration of VGM standards will be re announced by related authorised parties about which method will be followed clearly.

You can also reach detailed information with using below link;

[Container Weight Verification Requirement](#)