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## **SOLAS – VGM (VERIFIED GROSS MASS)** **NOTICE**

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016, International Maritime Organization (IMO) regulation under the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) requires shippers to provide a Verified Gross Mass (VGM) for every packed container as a condition for vessel loading.

VGM is define as the certified verified weight of all packages and cargo items, packing material, and dunnage plus container tare weight and will be used for vessel planning and safe stowage of containers aboard the vessel.

There are two methods of verifying the gross mass of a loaded container:

**Method 1: By Weighing**

**After a shipment has been completed packed, the shipment can be weighed by regular equipment (scales, forklift scales, crane scales, etc)**

**Method 2: By Calculating**

**All packages and cargo items may be weighed individually, incl. mass of dunnage, packing and securing material and added to tare weight of the container which is indicated on the door of the container. (Tare weight for FCL container only).**

For LCL export cargo, there will be an implementation of VGM Admin fee, with effect from 1st July:

**VGM Admin Fee: USD15 per shipment**

In the event that client is unable to provide a verified weight. Penanshin Singapore will provide the weighing services at CFS and below charges will be apply:

**LCL – USD7.50 w/m (round up to higher: 2.01 R/T will be 3.00 R/T)**

**(Maximum weight: 3,000 kgs per package)**

The details which shippers has provided to us upon booking will be considered as the VGM declaration. Should there be any amendment required, shipper is required to provide Penanshin via email and this amendment have to be inform 2 working days before vessel arrive Singapore. Any amendment made thereafter will not be accepted.

For containers that have weight discrepancy may not be loaded onto the vessel. In the event that container being shut-out due to weight discrepancy, the relevant costs that arise (transport, weighing costs and administrative) will be borne by the shipper that incorrectly declared the weight.

Thank you for your continuous support. Should you have any queries kindly contact us

Yours sincerely,  
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To: All Valued Customers

**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF SOLAS REGULATION V1/2 ON VERIFIED GROSS MASS OF CONTAINERS – FOR LOCAL EXPORT**

**1. What is VGM?**

VGM is the total gross mass of a packed container which includes the cargo weight, block & bracing materials and container tare.

**2. Who provides the VGM?**

The shipper is responsible for providing the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of a packed container by stating it in the shipping document/instructions using below methods and submitting to the terminal operator and the vessel master or his representative in advance for the preparation of stowage plan. The SOLAS Convention offers two methods to obtain the VGM:

**3. Proposed method**

Method 1: Weighing the packed container as a whole using calibrated and certified equipment.

Method 2: Weighing the individual packages and cargo items, including the mass of pallets, dunnage and other securing material, using certified equipment and adding sum to the tare mass of container.

**4. What to include in your VGM ESN instructions to portnet**

Below items are mandatory and must be on all VGM instructions to Terminal.

- a. Booking number/ UCR number
- b. Container number
- c. VGM – Verified Gross Mass
- d. Weighing method
- e. Authorised person's signatory
- f. VGM acquire time (optional)
- g. VGM reference (optional)