

Dear Customer,

Following our earlier advisories on the implementation of the new SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) requirement for the VGM (Verified Gross Mass) of the container, we would like to provide you with further details pertaining to this requirement.

As already announced, effective July 1st, 2016, every packed export container is required to have a Verified Gross Mass (VGM) as a condition of loading aboard a vessel.

We support this requirement as it helps safety across the industry, including our customers and their cargoes.

Submission of VGM to Emirates Shipping Line.

Shipper(legal entity or person named on the Bill of Lading) is requested to declare VGM in the given draft(attached) on their letter head.

Declaration is to be signed and sealed by the shipper. Shipper can delegate the responsibility to any person/agent at their own responsibility.

Cut-off for VGM submission (ICD Locations)

- For ICD/CFS Stuffed containers - VGM will be communicated by the shipper before the containers are railed out from ICD/CFS.
- For factory stuffed Containers - VGM will be communicated by the shipper before the containers are gate-in at ICD/CFS.

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Consequences of not submitting/discrepant VGM.

“NO VGM, NO LOADING”

No container will be loaded without VGM. Probable detention/demurrage, operations costs, penalty etc shall be upon shipper.

The shipper will be responsible for the authenticity and accuracy of the declared VGM till the place of destination/discharge.

Changes in the declared VGM

VGM once declared and informed to Emirates Shipping Line in the recommended format will be final. No changes will be accepted thereafter.

Costs and consequences on account of any discrepancy of the declared VGM from the actual VGM will be upon shipper.

Under SOLAS-VGM agreement, Emirates will not verify VGM provided by the shipper.

However, shipping carrier reserves the right to re-verify the weight after the VGM provided by the shipper.

Details of the discrepant VGM will be informed to the Directorate General of Shipping by the shipping carrier.

VGM Never to exceed maximum payload

Container exceeding maximum payload as indicated on the safety plate of the container will not be loaded onto the vessel.

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