

24th May, 2016

Notice to Trade

SOLAS VI Regulation 2 for Verified Gross Mass (VGM)

Dear Valued Customer,

A new SOLAS convention takes effect on July 1, 2016. As per guidelines prescribed through a Shipping Notice 001/2016 received as a Final Draft from Directorate General, Ports & Shipping on May 17, 2016.

From the 1st of July 2016, every laden export container will be required to have its weight verified before it is loaded onto a ship. All laden export containers must have a Verified Gross Mass (VGM) certificate before it is loaded onto a vessel. This regulation will apply on all containers that will be received in the terminal for vessels that are sailing after July 01, 2016. (for example If a container is received in terminal on 25th June, 2016 for the vessel sailing on or after 1 July, 2016 VGM will be required). The shipper is responsible for providing the VGM of a container at the time of container Gate-In regardless of who actually packs it.

As the contract of carriage is between the shipper and the shipping company, not between the shipper and the port terminal facility, the shipper may meet its obligation under the SOLAS regulations by submitting the verified gross mass to the shipping company. It is then the responsibility of the shipping company to provide information regarding the verified gross mass of the packed container to the terminal representative in advance of ship loading. Similarly, the shipper may also submit the verified gross mass to the port terminal facility representative upon delivery of the container to the port facility in advance of loading.

To help our customers DP World offers shippers an efficient service to weigh laden export containers at our DP World Karachi terminal.

DP World Karachi is making substantial investments to facilitate the weighing of containers without impacting the efficiency of our operational processes. We will also continue to invest in the maintenance of our equipment to ensure that our weighing solutions are fully compliant with the regulations as published by the Ministry of shipping notification on the subject which is attached for ready reference. At present our terminal has 5 weighbridges, 1 at In-Gate and 4 inside terminal; also we have made significant modifications in container handling equipment to weigh containers in seamless manner without causing delays at Gate due to weightment activity. Our 22 container handling equipment will be ready by July 01, 2016 in addition to our 5 weigh bridges installed in the terminal.

In case shipper using method one they can produce weightment certificate which are following the common standard for weighbridges in all four Provinces to shipping lines or terminal. QICT will be pleased to offer weightment services for the convenience of shippers.

Weightment service will be applied automatically on those containers, for which VGM Certificate is not provided at Pre-Gate along with consignment note OR through shipping line.

SOLAS regulation VI/5 requires that a container is not packed to more than the maximum gross mass indicated on the "Safety Approval Plate" under the International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC), as amended. A container with a gross mass exceeding its maximum permitted gross mass shall not be loaded onto a ship by QICT. Shipper will be responsible to remove extra cargo and terminal will not be responsible for any delays and shut out.

We are attaching relevant documents for better understanding of VGM concepts.

DP World aims to be your most reliable Container Terminal and we thank you for your continuous support. For questions regarding SOLAS Regulation for VGM, please contact our customer service representative at UAN#111-786-888 or 0213-4739100.

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For DP World Karachi

ⁱ This information is provided in voluntarily manner as extracted from relevant circulations related to SOLAS VGM Amendment. However, users are advised to refer above referred documents for their knowledge and understanding of exact text and requirement of SOLAS.

ⁱⁱ "Weighment" and related VGM administration is a chargeable service, will be charged to shippers (or their nominated representatives) as per the QICT Tariff.

Annexure – I SHIPPING NOTICE NO. 001/2016
Annexure – II IMO GUIDELINES REGARDING THE VERIFIED GROSS MASS
Annexure – III WORLD SHIPPING COUNCIL SUMMARY
Annexure – IV WORLD SHIPPING COUNCIL GUIDELINES

All Annexures can be downloaded from given web link:

http://dpworldkarachi.com/php/cct_content.php?catId=Njc=&superId=NjM=&masterId=NjY=