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TO : OUR VALUED CUSTOMERS

ATTN : SHIPPER/ FORWARDING/ FREIGHT FORWARDERS

NOTICE : SOLAS VERIFIED GROSS MASS (VGM) REGULATION

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has amended the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) to require:

- (i) Shippers must verify the gross mass of a packed export container prior to vessel loading.
- (ii) The shipper is responsible for the verification, obtaining and documenting the VGM of the packed container's weight with the shipper shown as per the Ocean Carrier Bill of Lading.
- (iii) The requirement will be effective on **July 1, 2016**.
- (iv) Verified gross mass(VGM) is the total gross mass of a packed container which includes:

Method 1

Weighing of container using calibrated and certified weighing equipment together with lashing & tonnage materials after it has been packed by Shipper or third party.

Method 2

Weighing/Calculating of individual packages together with the lashing & tonnage materials and adding container tare weight as indicated on the door end of the container (this method e.g. scrap metal, unbagged grain and other cargo in bulk. It is inappropriate and impractical for flexi tanks or cargo items that do not easily lend themselves to individual weighing of the items to be packed in the container)

- (v) The Marine Department requires all weighing machines to be calibrated and certified by **Metrology Corporation Malaysia Sdn Bhd**.
- (vi) The shipper shall register with Marine Department Malaysia to indicate (method (Method 1 or 2) that be used to obtain the VGM. The shipper may choose terminal weighing facility under Method 1 to obtain VGM (please refer to Shipper

registration Procedures and Form –website address: <http://www.marine.gov.my/> or shipper registration system URL: <http://202.129.173.37/shipper/Document/Rev1.pdf>)

- (vii) The shipper or their Agent (forwarding) shall transmit the VGM via **Port Klang Net System** to the respective terminal and Shipping Line/Agent.
- (viii) Terminal's derived weight within +/-5% of the VGM declared by the Shipper, the container will accepted and planned for stowage.
- (ix) The Terminal will revise the VGM as per weight derived by Terminal if the variance is more than +/- 5% and proceed with the stowage planning.
- (x) The weight of the container exceeds the Maximum Gross Weight (MGW), the container will be rejected by terminal.

VGM Submission

- (i) Shipper to provide the VGM information through Emirates SI- format (excel template) via email.



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- (ii) A scan copy Emirates SI-format with company stamp and signed by Authorized by shipper, Legal Entity or Person named on the Bill of Lading and / or who a contract of carriage has been concluded with a shipping company to verify the gross mass of container (s) upon request issued the Bill Of Lading.
- (iii) The VGM certificate need to submit together with SI include Booking number, Container Number with Verified Gross Mass (MGW) per unit, signature of the shipper/authorized person. Shipper's weight verification to be compliant with the SOLAS requirement, it must be "signed" a specific person representing the shipper is named and identified as having verified the accuracy of the weight calculation on behalf of the shipper.
- (iv) Cut-off time for VGM submissions and documentation – 24 working hours before vessel arrival.
- (v) Any amendment request is shipper responsible for all associated risk and consequences.
- (vi) Shipper is legally responsible to declare the correct and accurate VGM to carrier without compromise.

Please inform to all relevant parties and should your end have any further enquiry, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Regards,
Emirates Shipping Malaysia Sdn Bhd