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Dear Sir,

## RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF SOLAS VI AMENDMENT ON VERIFIED GROSS MASS (VGM)

We refer to the Circular sent out to all Terminal Operators with regards to the above subject.

- 2. We are pleased to inform that Port Klang Authority has deliberated with Northport (M) Berhad and Westports (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd on the arising matters in relation to the Implementation of VGM in Port Klang.
- 3. Please find enclosed herewith our feedback, for your kind attention

Thank you.

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RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF SOLAS VI AMENDMENT ON VERIFIED GROSS MASS (VGM)

#### No-Reweighing

For now, PKA has instructed the Terminal Operators to reweigh (verify) all containers coming into the terminal, including the containers with VGM's obtained outside the port. This is to ensure that there are no discrepancies on the VGM submitted so that the accuracy and credibility are not called into question by the Shipping Lines, should there be any incident.

## Reporting in Case of Weight Discrepancies

It was agreed by SAM at the PKA meeting that in cases of discrepancy beyond the ±5% variance between the Shipper VGM and terminal weighing, the Terminal Operator's VGM will be adopted and will be revised accordingly.

In cases where the verified weight is discovered to be above the maximum gross weight (MGW) of the container, a rejection is done at the Gate.

The above differs from the 1 tonne variance the letter stipulates, which was never discussed not agreed by any parties.

#### **Gate Procedures**

Terminal Operators will not allow any container without a valid VGM to enter the terminal. This is controlled by the Port Klang Net system where all containers must be declared by the Shipper or his Forwarding Agent with VGM or with the instruction to request for "port terminal to weigh".

This pre-requisite would allow the Terminal Operator gates to manage the entry of every container. As verification or weighing will be done at the Gate and not after gate-in at the Container Yard (CY), allowing verification or weighing to take place after gate-in will simply create yard congestion.

As for the Terminal Operator, the pre-requisite is in the Haulage Pre-Arrival Booking System.

### Transshipment Units and Units Discharged from Feeder Carriers

For transshipment containers, the onus is on the loading ports to provide the SOLAS declaration details through the first Carriers or his Shipping Agents. We will upgrade our existing BAPLIE EDI to version 2.2 to support the transmission of this info from the previous port of call and vessel operators.

## **VGM Data Flow**

Carriers need not take any action here. In Port Klang, the Shippers or Forwarding Agents will be declaring the SOLAS details in Port Klang Net online system and data from here will be transmitted seamlessly (by VERMAS) to the Terminal Operator. The COPARN method suggested in the letter will not work for Port Klang as more often the Liners provide the EDI as an open booking to the Terminal Operator without container numbers being nominated.

## **Data Flow from Terminal Operator to Carriers**

Terminal Operators will make available the VERMAS EDI to Liners upon container gate-in. The Terminal Operators will also enhance the existing CODECO and COARRI EDIs to carry the VGM weight for SOLAS related containers instead of the booking estimated weight. BAPLIE OUT EDI version 2.2 will also be made available by the Terminal Operators.

## **Tolerance and Accuracy**

All parties will strive to provide accurate weights in accordance to accuracy levels set by the Malaysian Government. The Ministry of Transport has allowed a tolerance level of ±5% of the submitted VGM for the time being so as not to disrupt the logistics flow. It is the objective of the Government to reduce the tolerance levels gradually and eventually comply with the calibration accuracy levels prescribed.

The SOLAS process flow for Port Klang has now been finalized by PKA through several meetings with the industry players including SAM members and these SOPs have been approved by the Ministry of Transport.

Attached herewith is the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for SOLAS-VGM proposed for Port Klang.