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CUSTOMER ADVISORY – REF: MAX/VGM/001

Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) - Container Weight Verification requirement effective 1/July/2016 – VGM

Effective 1st July 2016, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has made amendments to the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) convention under regulation 2 of chapter VI which mandates the declaration of the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of a loaded container to the Carrier / Terminal authorities within a prescribed date/time using electronic or manual mode of submission.

Fundamental Principles –

1. *No VGM No Gate IN* which means that without a valid VGM submission to the concerned authorities the container will not be allowed to enter the terminal for loading onto the ship.
2. The Shipper is required to submit the VGM as per the enclosed format duly signed and stamped (Ref Annexure 1).
3. There are two methods prescribed for verifying the weight of the container –
Method 1 – Weighing the loaded container using calibrated and certified weighing equipment.
Method 2 – Addition of the cargo weight including packing (pallets, dunnage, securing material packed in the container) and the tare weight of the container.
4. The container weight can be obtained from the container CSC plate or alternatively from our website. (We are currently in the process of including the container tare weight details into our customer portal. Interim, the requisite details can be obtained from our local offices).
5. In addition to the submission to respective Ports and Terminals in your location, VGM should also be submitted respective agent of Maxicon Container Line Pte Ltd in the prescribed format as mentioned in item no.2 above and no declaration though phone / messaging apps will be accepted.
6. The Shipper will be solely responsible for any cost and consequences for non-compliance of the VGM requirements including but not limited to shut out, rollover, slot loss costs.
7. Shipper shall mean only the party mentioned as Shipper on Maxicon Bill of lading.



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Further details of the VGM can be accessed using the following link –

<http://www.ttclub.com/loss-prevention/container-weighing/>

<http://www.ttclub.com/loss-prevention/publications/container-weighing/competent-authority-news/>

We shall keep you updated on the further progress of the VGM implementation and the procedures might vary according to the local regulations of the location.

For any further enquiries please contact our local office representative.

For Maxicon Container Line Pte Ltd.