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Customer Advisory

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Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) / VGM (Verified Gross Mass)

Dear TLG Valued Customers,

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted a new regulation under the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS). Effective July 1st 2016, shippers are required to provide the verified Gross Mass (VGM) of all packed containers at origin prior to stowage aboard ship.

This regulation will apply globally to all packed containers at origin prior to loading the vessel without exception.

The Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of containers must be submitted to steamship lines by VGM cut off date for containers to load the vessels. Any container missing the cut off date will roll and will be subject to roll over fees and storage fees payable by the cargo owner.

VGM may be calculated by the following methods set by SOLAS amendment:

Method 1: Weighing the packed container using calibrated and certified equipment / Scales .

Method 2: Weighing each package in the container, including the securing material and adding those weights to the tare mass of the container as indicated on the door end of the container.

Note: No weight estimation will be allowed.

It is important to note that it is the cargo owner's responsibility, (shipper listed on B/L) to provide VGM to TLG. In order to avoid additional charges associated with missing the VGM, cargo owners or their suppliers must provide the Verified Gross Mass (Container weight) by the cut off date and time.

Additional charges / penalties associated with missing VGM include but not limited to: Trucking dry runs, truck detention time, container pier diem, port storage, port demurrage, roll fees.

Minimum requirements are:

- ✚ TLG Booking#
- ✚ Container #
- ✚ VGM (Verified Gross Mass)
- ✚ Unit of measurement (Kgs or Lbs)
- ✚ Method of weighing (Method 1 or Method 2)
- ✚ Date:
- ✚ Authorized party name
- ✚ Title
- ✚ Authorized party signature

TLG and their truckers are in a position to provide scale services at the most competitive rates whenever required. Scale fees vary from \$75 to \$150 per container. Requests must be made at the time of quoting or booking.

Changes and updates are ongoing globally in regards to VGM related fees and procedures. TLG reserves the right to alter this advisory and any time in the future to accommodate any new change that might occur.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and invite you to contact TLG customer service for any further clarification.