



SOP – SOLAS VGM Weight Verification Ocean Freight Shipments June 2016

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- VGM must be obtained by one of the two following methods:
 - a) Method 1: weighing - container is weighed after it has been packed and sealed
 - b) Method 2: calculating / weighing – VGM verification party adds weight of cargo (incl. pallets, dunnage, packing and securing materials) + tare weight of container = VGM
 - c) Ports have advised that weighing containers at terminals will be available. This is not a viable method as container weighing may or may not take place after the VGM cutoff for the carriers
- VGM must be supplied by the competent authority who loaded the container
 - a) Competent authority is defined as party loading cargo into container for international transport via vessel
 - b) Competent authority must obtain weight via certified calibrated scale
 - c) VGM must be provided by last competent authority who loaded / added freight to container
- Responsibility to supply VGM to EMO Trans lies on the party that physically packed the container via the shipper who has verified the information to be true and correct
 - a) For EMO Trans loaded containers the VGM will be responsibility of EMO Trans to supply
 - b) For shippers that utilize offsite warehouse for loading purposes the loading warehouse will supply the VGM which has to be verified by the shipper of record
- VGM cutoffs will vary from carrier to carrier. Please follow VGM cutoff information provided by your local EMO Trans office
- VGM can be supplied to the EMO Trans in two approved methods
 - a) Via EMO Trans VGM verification form
 - b) Via EMO Trans SLI
- Containers will be allowed into port without a VGM but will not load on vessel without the VGM
 - a) All cost for storage at port will be responsibility of shipper who did not provide VGM in a timely manner
 - b) Any other associated cost for not providing VGM in a timely manner will be for account of shipper
- Additional charges for VGM submission, as assessed by carriers, will be passed to shipper
- This is an internationally governed policy and must be followed accordingly. A “no VGM - no load” has been advised by all carriers.

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- Competent authority who placed cargo on truck to take to CFS will be responsible for providing cargo VGM (cargo weight + Pallet + Packaging)
- Co-loaders will be responsible for providing container VGM to the carrier
- Co-loaders will charge for additional services to be provided (co-loader specific)
- Cargo VGM must be supplied to EMO Trans
 - a) Via EMO Trans VGM verification form
 - b) Via EMO Trans SLI

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