

New SOLAS Regulation: Verified Gross Mass

The International Maritime Organization's new verified gross mass requirement officially becomes global law on July 1, 2016.

What is VGM?

A new SOLAS regulation requires the mandatory verification of the gross mass of packed containers before being loaded onto an ocean vessel.

VGM = Verified Gross Mass

VGM Logistics Chain



★ **Container Weighing Process**
The VGM must be obtained and provided sufficiently in advance of vessel loading. If the shipper does not provide the accurate VGM for the container, **it will not be loaded and will not leave port.**

**July 1,
2016**

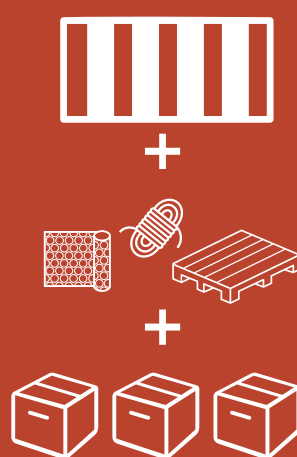
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How to Determine VGM

There are two acceptable methods for determining the VGM. An approximation of the weight will not be permitted.

Weigh cargo (including storage items) and add the container's tare mass

Method 1



Method 2



Weigh the entire packed container and contents

Both methods require a weight verification to be signed by the shipper, a representative of the shipper, or someone acting on its behalf.

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