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Dear Valued Customer,

The new Safety of Life At Sea (SOLAS) Regulations will require Verification of the Gross Mass of packed containers. This regulation intends to improve safety both at dockside and at sea will come into force worldwide on 1 July 2016.

This indicates that all containers sailing on board of any vessel will have to have VGM provided by the shipper to the shipping line, failure to comply will result in no loading of concerned container on board of vessel.

What is Verified Gross Mass of a container?

Gross weight of the cargo stuffed in the container + the tare weight of the container is to be declared as a Verified Gross Mass by the shipper to the carrier.

Shippers will be responsible for providing the VGM.

Shipper can provide the VGM to the carrier using any of the sources: Maersk Website (www.maersk.com), 3rd party ports such as INTTRA, EDI, or email.

There are two permissible methods for weighing:

Method 1: Requires weighing the container after it has been packed

Method 2: Requires weighing all the cargo and contents of the container and adding those to the container’s tare weight as indicated on the door end

Note: Shipper is always responsible, irrespective if delegated to a 3rd party or similar.

Below is a summary of the SOLAS Verified Gross Mass Deadline for MCC vessels and it will also be available on booking confirmation.

SERVICE	IA5	
	MITT	MIP
PROFORMA ETA	SUN 14:00	MON 18:00
PROFORMA ETD	MON 14:00	WED 18:00
BOOKING NOTE CUT-OFF	THU 17:00	THU 17:00
ED FILE HANDOVER CUT-OFF	SUN 12:00	MON 16:00
VGM CUT OFF	SUN 12:00	MON 16:00
CONTAINER CUT-OFF	SUN 12:00	MON 16:00
SI CUT OFF	THU 12:00	THU 12:00
E-SI CUT-OFF	SUN 09:00	MON 09:00
SI CUT OFF (China Discharge/Transhipment)	n/a	n/a

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There are three ways of knowing the Tare Weight of a container

- 1) Tare Weight as indicated on the door of the container
- 2) Below table shows the standard tare weight of a container via size/type

Container Size/Type	Standard [Tare Weight (Kgs)]
20'DRY	2280
40'DRY	3700
40'HDRY	3880
45'HDRY	4900
20'REF	2990
40'REF	4200
40'HREF	4400

- 3) Individual Tare Weight will be available on Maersk Line's website by August 2016

Note: VGM can be amended until ETD. Tolerance is +/- 5%.

Providing VGM by use of Method 1 can be done by arranging container weighting at container terminal. Shipper should contact MIP or MITT terminals directly in order to obtain details of the VGM operation.

Contact	MIP terminal	MITT terminal
Phone	+959 957282778	+959 973161457

You can find more details for your reference available via our website. A quick guide will be sent across separately on submission/amending via maersk.com.

<https://www.maersk.com/transportation-services/verified-gross-mass>

We thank you for your continuous support with Maersk Line and you are welcome to contact your local Customer Service representative should you have any questions regarding to this change. You will find contact details for our local offices on <https://www.maersk.com/local-information/asia-pacific/myanmar>

Thank you for your support. If any further information is required, please feel free to contact us as above mentioned.

Sincerely yours,
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