

KOLKATA PORT TRUST
HALDIA DOCK COMPLEX

Traffic Operations Division
Operational Administrative Building
Chiranjibpore

No. MTO/G/11/Pt. IX/1010

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TRADE CIRCULAR

Re: Implementation of the guidelines relating to amendment of Regulation 2 of Chapter VI of the SOLAS Convention to be effected from 01st July' 2016 concerning Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of containers

Ref: M.S. Notice No. 04 of 2016 dated 11.05.2016 of Directorate General of Shipping, Govt. of India.

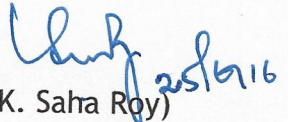
The following guideline is circulated for implementation and enforcement of the amendment to the Regulation 2 of Chapter VI of the SOLAS Convention regarding Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of containers w.e.f. 01st July' 2016. All concerned will be required to adhere to these guidelines which will facilitate compliance with the SOLAS requirement and will help in accomplishing the enhancement of safe handling, storage and transport of containers.

- (a) Container Lines will issue Carting Order only after receipt of VGM declaration in the prescribed format from the Shipper.
- (b) Shippers/Exporters or their C&F Agent will have to mandatorily submit VGM declaration with Port (as per enclosed proforma) along with the other export documents at the time of entry of the containers through the gates.
- (c) Before issuance of the VGM declaration to Port the Shippers/Exporters or their agent must ensure that they have complied with the various provisions and guidelines relating to the amendments of the aforesaid Regulation of the SOLAS Convention.
- (d) It shall be the responsibility of the respective Container Lines / Feeder Operator to provide VGM to the Master of the vessel for accepting the container 'on-board'.
- (e) In case of non-acceptance of container 'on board', the Maser/Vessel's Agent will communicate in writing to the Port about the same intimating the reason for such non-acceptance.
- (f) For acceptance of rail borne cargo the Shippers/Exporters or their C&F Agent will submit the VGM declaration prior to acceptance of the rake inside the terminal. Rail borne laden containers will not be accepted for shipment without the VGM declaration. However, incase the laden containers arrive through rake without VGM declaration then the same will be unloaded and stacked separately. The said boxes will not be accepted for shipment until and unless the same is weighed at the weighbridge inside the dock and VGM declaration is submitted by the shipper / C&F Agent. The additional cost involved for transportation of containers from the yard to the weighbridges and vise-versa including lift-on and lift-off will be borne by the Shipper / their C&F Agent.

- (g) For containers which will be stuffed inside the dock will be weighed in weighbridges inside the dock and only thereafter VGM declaration will be submitted by the exporter or their C&F Agent. After submission of such declaration container will be accepted for shipment.
- (h) For empty containers the tare weight declared by the MLO will be considered for VGM declaration.
- (i) If for any reason the container is required to be weighed inside the Port premises even after submission of VGM declaration and if there is a difference in weight, then tolerance limit upto $\pm 1,000$ kgs will be considered for acceptance of the containers for shipment. Beyond the above tolerance the containers will not be accepted for shipment.
- (j) In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 5.5 of Chapter VI of the SOLAS Convention if the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of container exceeds the maximum gross weight indicated on container safety approval plate [CSC Plate] the same will not be accepted for shipment under any circumstances. No tolerance in this regard will be allowed.
- (k) For any deviation / irregularity in respect of non-compliance with the various provisions of the above guidelines in respect of submission of VGM declaration the concerned Shippers/Exporters or their C&F Agent will be held responsible.

The above guidelines will come into force on and from **01.07.2016**.

Encl: As stated


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Distribution:

- Association of Shippers Interest in Calcutta
- Calcutta Customs House Agents Association
- All MLO / Feeder Operators

Copy to Traffic Manager, I/C, KoPT, for information please.

Copy to Haldia International Container Terminal (HICT) for information please.

INFORMATION ABOUT VERIFIED GROSS MASS OF CONTAINER

SL. No.	Details of Information	Particulars
1.	Name of the Shipper	
2.	Shipper Registration/License No. (IEC No/CIN No.)	
3.	Name and Designation of official of the shipper authorized to sign document	
4.	24 x 7 contact details of authorized official of shipper	
5.	Vessel's Name and VCN No.	
6.	Container No.	
7.	Container Size (TEU/FEU/Other)	
8.	Maximum permissible weight of container as per the CSC plate	
9.	Weighbridge Registration No. & Address of Weighbridge	
10.	Verified Gross Mass of container (method-1/method-2)	
11.	Date and time of weighing	
12.	Weighing Slip No.	
13.	Type (Normal/Reefer/Hazardous/Others)	
14.	If Hazardous, UN No., IMDG Class	

Signature of authorized person of shipper

Name : _____

Date : _____

Remarks:

Shippers not having IEC No. or CIN No. may provide information as follows:

Company - PAN No.Individuals

Indian National - AADHAR No.

Foreign National - Passport No. & Country of issue of Passport.