



## „Verified gross mass (VGM)“

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Dear partners,

We would like to inform you that effective July 1st, 2016, the Safety Of Life At Sea Convention (SOLAS) requires the shipper has to provide a verified gross mass (VGM) for packed container.

The declaration of the verified gross mass **MUST** be signed and dated by a authorized person of shippers and has to be submitted to the carrier. **Without** a VGM (Verified Gross Mass), the packed container **shall not be loaded** aboard ship. All possible costs that may arise from late VGM submission & shortshipment will be for account of the shipper, such as (but not limited to) extra moves, yard adjustment costs, export demurrage etc.

Shippers may use one of two methods to determine the VGM:

### Method 1

Upon the conclusion of packing and sealing a container, the shipper may weigh, or have arranged that a third party weigh, the packed container.

### Method 2

The shipper (or, by arrangement of the shipper, a third party) may weigh all packages and cargo items, including the mass of pallets, dunnage and other packing and securing material to be packed in the container, and add the tare mass of the container to the sum of the single masses of the container's contents. Tare weight of the container You will find on the CSC Plate or inside written at the container door. Estimating the weight of a container's contents is not permitted!

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In respect of both method 1 and 2, the weighing equipment used must meet the applicable accuracy standards and requirements of the state in which the equipment is being used.

Data elements required by the shipping Line for VGM submission include:

- \* Bookingnumber
- \* Containernumber
- \* VGM weight
- \* Unit of measurement (KGS or LBS)
- \* Shippername
- \* Shipperaddress \* Name of authorized person (signatory)

### **VGM submission cut-off**

in order not to affect vessel operation, shipper has to submit VGM to Shipping Lines prior to the announced VGM submission cut-off.

### **VGM data flow**

Under the SOLAS requirement, the shipper named on the bill of lading is the party responsible for providing the carrier and the terminal operator with the VGM data.

Please understand the VGM data flow will be Shipper -> Transkompass ->Shipping Line.

Best regards,

Your Transkompass Team Hamburg

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