

# SOLAS REGULATION VI/2 - AMENDMENT VERIFIED GROSS MASS

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# SOLAS - VGM – VERIFIED GROSS MASS

## Basic Principles under the SOLAS Requirement

A container packed with packages and cargo items should not be loaded onto a ship to which the SOLAS regulations apply unless the master or his representative and the terminal representative have obtained, in advance of vessel loading, the verified actual gross mass of the container.

In the absence of a shipper providing a verified gross mass of a packed container, that container “shall not be loaded on to the ship”.

The shipper is responsible for providing the verified weight by stating it in the shipping document and submitting it to the master or his representative and to the terminal representative sufficiently in advance to be used in the preparation of the ship stowage plan.



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Availability to both the terminal representative and to the master or his representative of the verified gross mass of a packed container sufficiently in advance to be used in the ship stowage plan is a prerequisite for the container to be loaded onto a ship to which the SOLAS regulations apply. However, it does not constitute an entitlement for loading. Nothing in the SOLAS regulations limits the principle that the master retains ultimate discretion in deciding whether to accept a packed container for loading onto his ship.

Even to the above mentioned principle and without prejudice of new guidelines from carriers and/or masters at TCP we are not going to load onto ships containers without VGM.



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The verification of the gross mass can be achieved by either of two methods:

1. Weighing the packed container.
2. Weighing all packages and cargo items, including the mass of pallets, dunnage and other securing material to be packed in the container and adding the tare mass of the container to the sum of the single masses, using a certified method approved by the competent authority of the State in which packing of the container was completed.



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# SOLAS – VERIFIED GROSS MASS - TCP

## GENERAL PRINCIPLES AT TCP UNDER THE SOLAS REQUIREMENTS

1. The Shipper is the uniquely responsible for providing the VGM data.
2. TCP will not receive directly from the Shipper the VGM data.
3. TCP will receive the VGM data from the Line and/or its Agent.
4. TCP will discharge, stow and load all transshipment containers considering the VGM as per Arrival Baplie and/or Discharging List.
5. TCP will not provide weighing service in a first stage.
6. TCP will evaluate the need to invest in weighing equipment in case of a reasonable demand of solutions for the SOLAS requirements.
7. TCP will not be responsible in case VGM data is not available in a timely manner.



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## OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES AT TCP UNDER THE SOLAS REQUIREMENTS

1. All full containers to be delivered at TCP by shippers with documentation on rule will be received without considering the timely status of the VGM data.
2. TCP will treat the incoming units for stacking as per VGM if informed previously or as per current estimation method.
3. Units received as per current estimation method that shows a difference of +/-5% between this and the VGM sent after Gate-IN are subject of restow costs.
4. All units without VGM data as from Cut-off time will not be loaded. Rollover & Storage costs will be applied.



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## STANDARD COMMUNICATIONS AT TCP UNDER THE SOLAS REQUIREMENTS

1. VGM data will be received by EDI VERMAS from the Line and/or its Agent.
2. TCP will send the Confirmation Receipt of EDI VERMAS by EDI APERAK.
3. This kind of communication must be follow also for transshipment containers.
4. TCP will start testing communications on week #23.
5. TCP estimate to put the new EDI in production on week #24.



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## FOCAL POINT AT TCP UNDER THE SOLAS REQUIREMENTS

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