



Dear Valued Customer,

Re SOLAS – Verified Gross Mass

The new regulations come into effect from the 1st July 2016 and we would like to update you with further information as we know it at the moment.

Transhipped Containers and Delays

IMO have recently announced that containers sailing prior to the 1/7/2016 but transshipping after this date will not now require a VGM.

It is anticipated that the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) will not take any action on cargo that has rolled or is shipping on a vessel which has been delayed but obviously, it can only comment on cargo from the UK.

Port Operations

The Ports of Felixstowe, London Gateway and Southampton have made it clear that the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) will be required a minimum of 24 hours prior to the vessel arrival. However, as the operation is new, we will add a buffer of an additional 24 working hours on top of this to deal with any teething problems that there may be. We intend to review this once everything has settled and will update you with any issues that we have discovered.

The three main ports with whom we currently deal have confirmed how they plan to handle this new regulation and the following is a summary of this:

Southampton / London Gateway

All containers will be weighed on arrival and the following costs will apply:

- Where the VGM is provided prior to arrival £ 3.00
- VGM provision after box arrival but before 24 hour cut-off £ 5.00
- Where the terminal is requested to weigh the container and to provide a VGM with electronic signature £ 35.00
- If Shipper provided VGM is not received by VGM cut off time and the container has arrived, the Terminal subsequently issues a VGM = £5.00 + £35.00
- If Shipper VGM differs by +/- 5% or +/- 500kg (whichever is greater) from the Terminal measured weight = £10.00 mis-declaration charge + £35 + (£3.00 or £5.00)
- Weighing facility available from 13th June 2016

Felixstowe

Contrary to their original plan, all containers will now be weighed on arrival and the following costs will apply:

- Where the VGM is provided prior to arrival £ 3.00
- If the port is requested to provide VGM the charge will be £35.00



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- If the VGM is mis-declared, an additional admin fee of £5.00 on top of the terminal weight charge of £35 plus £3.00 standard admin fee will apply

Since the Shipping Line is responsible for administrating the new regulation, they will add a cost of £5 per container to the above charges.

Documentation

With regard to the declaration of the VGM, an email is acceptable providing it states that the weight is the Verified Gross Mass and is signed off by an individual associated to the company or by VERMAS message directly to Destin8.

The verified gross mass must include everything within the container including any dunnage and also the tare weight of the unit which can be found on the door. Please note that the shipper on the Bill Of Lading is responsible for this even if they have nominated a third party to handle the operation and declaration.

Waste Cargo

We are aware that, in a high number of cases, scrap cargo is loaded in bulk and is sold on a weight basis meaning that vehicles are usually weighed before and after loading. BIFA have advised that there are 4 classes of weighbridge in the UK and of these, only class 3 is acceptable for obtaining a VGM. With this in mind, we would strongly urge that you check the facilities that you currently use also noting their Terms and Conditions. We cannot stress enough that this is the shipper on the B/L's responsibility as the line only needs to see a declaration of the verified gross mass.

It is anticipated that demand for weighbridges will escalate over the coming months and needless to say, this will impact on transport significantly. However, we aim to maintain our current rate for a diversion in the initial stages at £50 up to 5 miles away plus £2.00 per mile thereafter but may have to review this at a later date.

Below items are mandatory when you submit the VGM:

- Vessel :
- Booking No. or B/L No. :
- Container No. :
- Verified Gross Mass (VGM) :
- Weight Scale (KGS) :
- Signature (Responsible Party) :
- Authorized Person :

The Shipper is responsible for providing the VGM or he can nominate a third party but an authorization in writing has to be given to the carrier. Our companies do not verify the authorization and all risks arising from the VGM information will be borne by the shipper.

The above will be available as a form on our websites within the next few days .For further information, please do not reply directly to this email, but contact us as below:

