



# Customer Advisory

## VGM (Weight Discrepancy)

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Dear Valued Customers,

Regarding implementation of the new SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) requirement for the verification of container weights, we would like to provide you with further details pertaining to this requirement.

As already announced, effective July 1st, 2016, every packed export container is required to have a Verified Gross Mass (VGM) as a condition of loading aboard a vessel. **We also emphasize our customer to declare correct cargo weight and VGM on shipping instructions.** Sealandmaersk supports this requirement as it promotes safety across the industry, including for our customers and their cargoes, landside personnel and subsequently our Employees and vessels.

As per today, we still find non-compliance container where discrepancy between VGM and weight in Shipping Instruction have discrepancy more than 5000kgs which is not compliance and will impacting to our safety of vessel and crews. **Due to this reason, Sealand will not load container without VGM updated and huge discrepancy (more than 5000kgs) between stuffed weight and VGM.**

Please kindly read carefully of below requirement for VGM and Weight submission on Shipping Instruction :

- Please ensure Stuffed Weight submission (in stuffing details) is closely same with actual cargo weight (VGM – Tare weight).
- Please ensure the VGM is follow our maximum payload of container to avoid any overweight. We can not accept VGM Weight is greater than PAYLOAD Weight
- We can not accept VGM Weight is lesser then TARE Weight
- Please kindly ensure that VGM should be submit on timely manner, click [here](#) for the schedules and deadlines.

Should you have any questions or require any assistance regarding this new regulation, please do not hesitate to contact your local Sealand Maersk representative

Yours sincerely,

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