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Dear Valued Customer,

The new Safety of Life At Sea (SOLAS) Regulations will require **Verification of the Gross Mass** of packed containers. This regulation intends to improve safety both at dockside and at sea will come into force worldwide on 1 July 2016.

This indicates that all containers sailing on board of any vessel will have to have VGM provided by the shipper to the shipping line, failure to comply will result in no loading of concerned container on board of vessel.

What is Verified Gross Mass of a container?

Gross weight of the cargo stuffed in the container + the tare weight of the container is to be declared as a Verified Gross Mass by the shipper to the carrier.

Shippers will be responsible for providing the VGM.

Shipper can provide the VGM to the carrier using any of the sources: MCC Website (<https://my.mcc.com.sg/>), 3rd party ports such as INTTRA, EDI, or email.

There are two permissible method for weighing:

- ▲ Method 1: Requires weighing the container after it has been packed
- ▲ Method 2: Requires weighing all the cargo and contents of the container and adding those to the container’s tare weight as indicated on the door end

Note: Shipper is always responsible, irrespective if delegated to a 3rd party or similar.

Below is a summary of the SOLAS Verified Gross Mass Deadline for MCC vessels and it will also be available on booking confirmation.

| Service | Terminal | Proforma ETA | Proforma ETD | VGM cut-off |
|---------|----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| IA5 | MITT | FRI 1200 | FRI 1800 | THU 1200 |
| IA5 | MIP | SAT 0600 | MON 1800 | FRI 0800 |
| TR1 | MIP | SUN 2359 | WED 0700 | FRI 1700 |
| RG2 | MITT | FRI 2359 | SAT 0800 | THU 0800 |
| RG2 | MIP | SAT 1400 | MON 1000 | FRI 1400 |

Remark : Above vessel schedule is subject to change with advance notification.

There are three ways of knowing the Tare Weight of a container

- 1) Tare Weight as indicated on the door of the container
- 2) Below table shows the standard tare weight of a container via size/type

| Container Size/Type | Standard Tare Weight (Kgs) |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 20'DRY | 2280 |
| 40'DRY | 3700 |
| 40'HDRY | 3880 |
| 45'HDRY | 4900 |
| 20'REF | 2990 |
| 40'REF | 4200 |
| 40'HREF | 4400 |

- 3) Individual Tare Weight will be available on Maersk Line's website by August 2016

Note : VGM can be amended until ETD. Tolerance is +/- 5%.

Providing VGM by use of Method 1 can be done by arranging container weighting at container terminal. Shipper should contact MIP or MITT terminals directly in order to obtain details of the VGM operation.

| | MIP terminal | MITT terminal |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
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You can find more details for your reference available via our website. A quick guide will be sent across separately on submission/amending via maerskline.com.

<https://www.mcc.com.sg/news/2015/07/23/verified-gross-mass>

We thank you for your continuous support with Maersk Line and you are welcome to contact your local Customer Service representative should you have any questions regarding to this change. You will find contact details for our local offices on <https://www.mcc.com.sg/shipping/mm>.

Yours faithfully,

MCC Transport Singapore Pte Ltd