

## ■ SOLAS Container Weight Verification Requirements-update

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Dear Valued Customer,

As announced earlier, a new SOLAS convention will take effect on July 1, 2016, which requires the shipper named on ocean carrier's bill of lading has to provide a verified gross mass (VGM) for packed container, in order to protect safety of life at sea.

Yang Ming has been working on enhancements to our systems to facilitate the transmission of VGM data, our goal is to ensure that your cargo flow is not disrupted as a result of the new regulations.

Below are Yang Ming basic principles with regards to shipper's VGM submission:

### 1. VGM Submission Methods:

- EDI through VERMAS (EDIFACT message type)
- YM Web Platform;
- Document in paper through Email/Fax... etc. (Not Recommended)

Data elements required by Yang Ming for VGM submission include:

- Booking of Bill of Lading Number
- Container Number
- VGM Weight
- Unit of Measurement (KG or LBS)
- VGM Verification Date
- Shipper or Responsible Party Name
- Shipper or Responsible Party Address
- Name of Authorized Person (Signatory)

### 2. VGM Submission Cut-off

In order not to affect vessel operation, shipper has to submit VGM to Yang Ming before container gate-in, and the cut-off time for the submission of final revision should be 24HRs ahead of POL ETA.

### 3. Availability of Container Tare Weight Data:

All the tare weight can be found on the door-side of the container.

### 4. 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

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flow will be Shipper → Yang Ming → Terminal. For shipper uses the terminal's weighing service to obtain VGM data, the flow will be Terminal → Shipper → Yang Ming.

As the effective date is approaching, Yang Ming will continue to seek the most appropriate solution to facilitate actual operation in accordance with different governments, ports, and terminals, and will keep you informed on the subject of VGM implementation.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our local representative.

Thank you for your business and continued support.

Sincerely,

Yang Ming