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# S O L A S

**Container Weight Verification Requirements**



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# What is SOLAS container weight verification regulations all about?

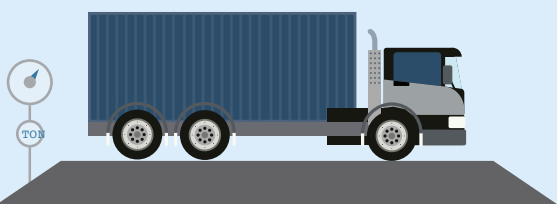
- ▶ It is a mandatory amendment to the international law governing safety of life at sea coming into force on 1st July 2016

Requires shipper to verify the gross mass of the container

**NO CONTAINER WITHOUT VERIFIED GROSS MASS (VGM) IS TO BE LOADED ONTO THE SHIP**

## WEIGHING METHODS

1



Use calibrated and certified equipment to weigh the loaded/packed container. Shipper using this method is to be registered by Kenya Maritime Authority

2



Weigh each item including its packaging, palletting, dunnage, securing gears etc to be packed into the container; add the sum to the empty mass of the container to get the VGM. Shippers using this method are to be approved by the Kenya Maritime Authority

## VGM COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENT

- ▶ The shipper to ensure the VGM of the container is stated in the duly signed shipping document.
- ▶ The shipping documents are to be submitted sufficiently in advance to the shipping line agents and the port authority



## WHAT HAPPENS IN CASE OF NON COMPLIANCE?

- ▶ The container shall not be loaded into the ship
- ▶ Approval or registration of the shipper may be withdrawn

