



KENYA MARITIME AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGISTRATION OF SHIPPERS PROVIDING WEIGHING OF CARGO UNDER METHOD 1

Further to our previous notices on the above matter, we wish to remind shippers and stakeholders in general that the amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Chapter VI, Part A, regulation 2 regarding mandatory container gross mass verification and associated guidelines published as MSC.1/Circ. 1475 as amended, came into force on 1st July 2016.

Under the amendment, any shipper of packed container(s) is required to verify and provide the gross mass of the container to the carrier and port terminal representative prior to it being loaded onto a ship and the weight of the container must match that which is provided in the shipping documents.

This information must be provided to the master or the master's representative sufficiently in advance of loading for proper stowage and safe carriage of the cargo. Any packed container received at the port without the verified gross mass shall not be loaded onto a ship.

To obtain the VGM of the packed export container, the shipper shall use one of the two methods described below:

Method No 1: Upon the conclusion of packing and sealing the container, the approved shipper or third party nominated by the shipper to weigh the packed container using calibrated and certified equipment; or

Method No 2: weighing of all packages and cargo items, including the mass of pallets, dunnage and other securing material to be packed in the container and adding the tare mass of the container to the sum of the single masses, to determine the gross mass of the packed container using certified equipment and method approved by Kenya Maritime Authority.

All shippers and third party service providers that are offering the service under Method 1 are requested to submit their details for consolidation and publication for ease of access. Among the basic information to be submitted are the equipment location, calibration certificate and business registration certificate. Please submit the information by 30th November 2016 in hard or softcopy to the following addresses: info@kma.go.ke or solas_cwv@kma.go.ke

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