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Container Weight Verification Requirements



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What is SOLAS container weight verification regulations all about?

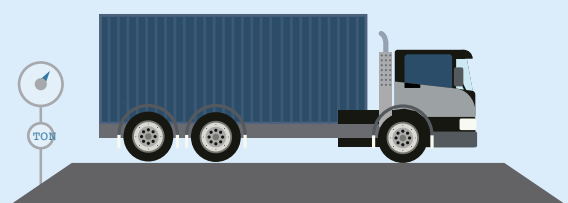
- ▶ It is a mandatory amendment to the international law governing safety of life at sea coming into force on 1st July 2016

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- ▶ Approval or registration of the shipper may be withdrawn

