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New Container Weight Requirements Take Effect 01 July 2016



In November 2014 the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted a requirement for shippers to 'verify' the gross mass of a container as a pre-condition of loading it on board most ships, with an enforcement date of 01 July 2016.

The amendment for this requirement is in the SOLAS Convention Chapter VI, Part A, Regulation 2.

The amendment requires that “the Shipper”:

1. Shall verify the gross mass (total weight) by
 - (a) weighing the packed container ['Method 1']
 - (b) or weighing (& totaling) all constituent parts in the load ['Method 2']; *and*
2. Ensure that the verified gross mass is
 - (a) stated on the (signed) shipping document and
 - (b) submitted sufficiently in advance to be used in formulating the ship's stowage plan

If a verified gross mass is not available, the Master and Terminal Representative shall not load the container on to the ship.

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