



VGM (SOLAS) Guideline for shipments with ETD 01.07.2016 or after

Dear customer

Doerrenhaus would like to inform you about the new rules and regulation being effective soon to all your bookings. Please view SOLAS web page for detailed information and an introduction of this new regulation worldwide.

<http://www.imo.org/en/About/Conventions/Pages/Action-Dates.aspx>

For all containers without exception loaded on or after 01.07.2016, the carrier and terminals must be informed in advance with the VGM (Verified Gross Mass) of the loaded container/s. Failure to provide the VGM on time or providing incorrect VGM might result in delays , roll overs and/or fines and additional charges. Shipper will be responsible for the verification of the VGM. Any variance or discrepancies in the VGM will be your responsibility and Doerrenhaus cannot be held liable for any resulting consequences out of this.

Guidelines for China on the verification of VGM can be found under The Marine Department webpage.

This additional required process from SOLAS will mean there will be costs to be added by the supply chain participants such as carriers, terminals, weighing stations and truckers.

We appreciate your attention to this important new regulation which is also to safe guard the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS).

We shall keep you informed about further update of the development and documention process in due course.