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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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