

Update on SOLAS VGM Submission in the United States

Dear Valued Customer,

The SOLAS Verified Weight Mass (VGM) regulation goes into effect worldwide on July 1st. **Kuehne + Nagel wishes to inform U.S. export customers that we will NOT require that you submit VGM data as previously communicated.** Based on the U.S. Coast Guard's declared equivalence confirming that the existing terminal weighing practice for on-dock scales in the United States is compliant with the SOLAS regulation, all ocean carriers serving U.S. export trades have agreed to use this method as a valid VGM under the new SOLAS regulation.

However, for cargo moving via rail into U.S. ports and terminals, the requirements of each of the ocean carriers and terminal operators are still not fully aligned in terms of the individual requirements and procedures they will follow. Kuehne + Nagel will provide an update once we have clarity on this situation from all parties.

The SOLAS VGM requirement is unchanged for cargo moving via Canadian ports, for which rail and ocean carriers require a valid VGM to be in place before cargo moves into Canada. This is due to the fact all Canadian terminals have a "No VGM, no gate in" policy. Therefore, customers may submit VGM information through the KN VGM Portal (*accessible via the QR code or URL found on the booking confirmation*) or in a manual format (*separate document submitted via e-mail or fax*). Previously announced VGM service fees will apply accordingly.

If you have any questions, please contact your local Kuehne + Nagel representative.

With kind regards,
Your Kuehne + Nagel Team