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## **Advisory and Guidelines Regarding Verified Gross Mass**

Dear Valued Customer,

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) will start enforcing the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) requirements regarding the verification of the gross mass of packed containers for the safety of the ship, workers both aboard ships and ashore, cargo and overall safety at sea.

This SOLAS requirement, to take effect from 1 July 2016, will mean that the loading of packed containers will be denied onto a ship unless the verified gross mass of the container has been communicated sufficiently in advance to the ship's master or his representative and the terminal representative in the preparation of the ship stowage plan. The shipper will be responsible for the verification of the gross mass of a packed container and stating the verified gross mass in the shipping document.

For more information, please refer to [SOLAS Regulation](#) and the International [Maritime Organization Guidelines](#).

APL is reviewing our current processes and will look into making changes to our documentation process in order to comply with the above regulation. We will keep you apprised of the situation on regarding this requirement.

We thank you for your business and continued support.

Sincerely,

APL Co. Pte Ltd

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