



# EVERGREEN LINE

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## **SOLAS Container Weight Verification Rules Become Effective July 1, 2016**

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted new requirement under the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention that require shippers to provide a verified weight for every packed container as a condition for vessel loading. **These new industry requirements from Maritime Safety Committee become effective worldwide on July 1, 2016.**

The shipper (named on the carrier's bill of lading) may use one of the two methods to determine the verified weight of the packed container:

### **Method No. 1:**

- The shipper may weigh or have a third party weigh the packed, sealed container.

### **Method No. 2:**

- The shipper may weigh or have a third party weigh each package stuffed in the container including the packing and securing material and adding those weights to the container's tare weight marked on the door end of the container ( Estimating the weight of the container's contents is not permitted ) .

Under either Method 1 or Method 2, the weighing equipment used must meet the accuracy standards of the country where the equipment is used. Also under either method, the declaration of the verified weight must be signed and dated by the shipper or by its duly authorized representative and to provide to the carrier via either electronic interchange channels or a physical shipping document.

Evergreen Line will work with the appropriate industry parties in each country to enhance the documentation process so to comply with this new International rule while at the same time making it as uncomplicated as possible for shippers to submit the verified weight to secure cargo loading. We shall do our utmost to update customers any further developments on this issue.

**Additional information** on the legislation can be found on:

<http://www.worldshipping.org/industry-issues/safety/cargo-weight>.

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