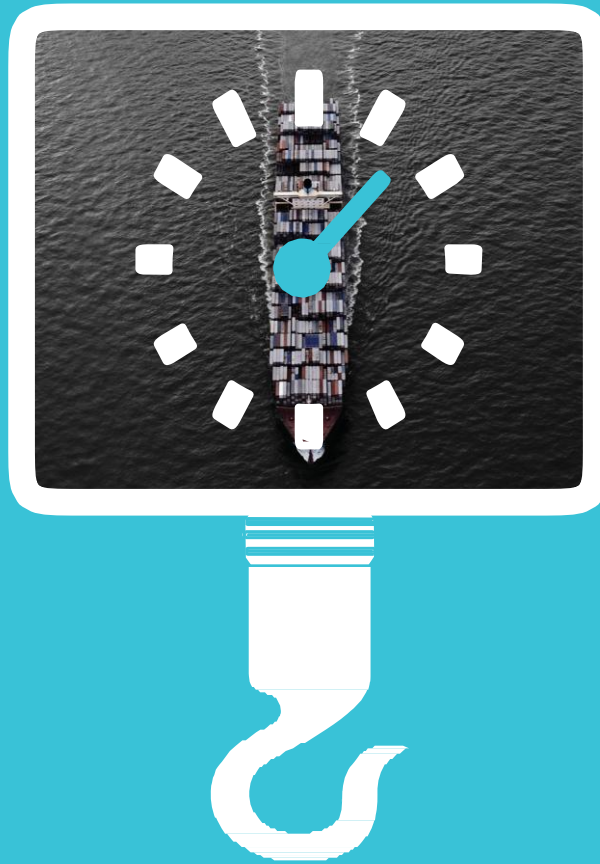


Verified Gross Weight – Effective July 2016



WEIGHT DOES MATTER

Why change?

There is a huge risk to workforce, Vessels, Terminals, Equipment due to wrong container weight being provided for preparing the load list.

There is no rule / process currently to ensure that the weight being provided by shipper for loading are accurate leading to huge risks to life.

It is an industry requirement from Maritime Safety Committee to be followed by all the stakeholders effective 1st July 2016.



What is the change?

AS IS

- Tentative weight is provided @ booking by the customer.
- Gross weight of cargo is being provided in the shipping instructions which is considered for final load list
- 10% of the SI is received post vessel cut off, leading to load list weights being prepared basis estimated weight which is a huge risk.



TO BE

- Shipper needs to ensure they provide Verified Gross Mass weight of the container or a VGM certificate for every container before the load list cut-off
- As per the below, it would be shipper's responsibility to ensure they provide the accurate weight and NOT a guesstimate weight of the container.
- In absence of VGM from shipper (E-channel or a physical certificate), the container will not be loaded on the vessel.

What is in it for our customers?

- Reduced risk to their cargo / containers on the vessel due to accidents and untoward incidents.
- Clarity of the physical weight of the container amongst the various parties including shipper, consignee, vendors etc.,

What is in it for us ?

(Customers, Carrier, Terminal, Vendors)

- Load list prepared basis accurate weight means proper stowage, reduced risks of accidents, reduced cost / penalties.

Support to Shippers

Coordinate in arranging the communication about the rule to the shippers globally

Make it easy for the shippers to "submit" the verified gross mass weight to the carrier

Have various sources for the shippers to submit the verified gross mass information

Coordinate with countries / terminals / vendors to extend the facilities of weighing and VGM submission to shippers