

PAN ASIA LOGISTICS INDIA PVT LTD



CUSTOMER ADVISORY - VERIFIED GROSS MASS (VGM)

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Dear Customer

SUB : COMPLIANCE WITH IMO REGULATIONS /SOLAR CHAPTER VI, Regulation 2, (as amended) related to VGM (**VERIFIED GROSS MASS**) FOR SHIPMENTS IN CONTAINERS.

REF : Enclosed copy of **M.S. Notice No.04 of 2016, dtd.11.05.2016**, issued by Director General of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping

Dear All

With reference to above, please note the following :

1. As per latest IMO REGULATIONS, Compliance with **VGM - VERIFIED GROSS MASS** Requirement is mandatory, w.e.f. 01.07.2016, **without exception**.
2. The enclosed copy of Min Of Shipping, Director General of Shipping **M.S. Notice No.04 of 2016 is self explanatory**, with respect the compliance requirements, as applicable for shipments to/from India.
3. **Gross Mass means - " The combined mass of a container's tare mass and masses of all packages and cargo items including pallets, dunnage, and other packing material and securing material packed into the container"**.
4. **Verified Gross Mass means - " The total gross mass of a packed container as obtained by weighing the packed container using calibrated and certified equipment.(under Method 1)"**
5. The basic outline of the VGM requirements are as under :
 - i) VGM requirements are applicable for all types of containers, including **Dry Containers, Reefers, ISO Tanks, FLAT RACKS, OPEN TOPS** Etc.
 - ii) The shipper is required to provide a completely filled **VGM Declaration (Template as enclosed - Annexure 1 of the M.S.Notice No.04/2016)**, duly signed/stamped by the shipper, or a person duly authorized by the shipper, with name/designation of the person, making the declaration clearly and legibly mentioned in the declaration.
 - iii) The shipper is required to support the VGM declaration, with a **tamper proof weight slip, obtained from an approved weigh bridge**. The details to be mentioned on the weight slip, are to be as specified in the enclosed attachments.
 - iv) The shipper is responsible for ensuring that the weighbridge used for weighment is suitably calibrated and certified by appropriate local government agencies and holds a valid certificate/licence.
 - v) All costs associated with obtaining VGM data including weighment, VGM declaration in a timely manner shall be for the account of the shipper.
 - vi) Shipper for the purpose of this advisory/circular shall mean "**The shipper on PAN ASIA LINE's Bill of Lading**". VGM declaration and documents are acceptable only from the shipper.
 - vii) **VGM declaration from Freight forwarder or clearing agent, is unacceptable under all circumstances, unless the forwarder is the " Shipper on the PAL Bs/I"**.
 - viii) These documents are required to be submitted by the **shipper, prior to cut-off period for submission of such data**, to PAL, as the carrier. PAL in-turn shall submit the same data, to vessel operator/slot provider. The cut-off period for VGM Document submission, will be stipulated by PAL as the carrier to the shipper/shipper's agent from time to time.
 - ix) Any containers off-loaded at terminal (Port or ICD) without **VGM documents as per 3 i) , 3 i) above, should not be and will not be loaded on board/or Railed out**.
 - x) All costs and consequences (direct and in-direct), arising from failure to comply with VGM requirements, are for the account of the shipper, without exception, including but not limited to, shut-out, roll-over and all other expenses.

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- xi) Containers shall not be loaded over the permissible payload under any circumstances, whatsoever.
- xii) Containers overloaded in excess of permissible payload, and/or without valid VGM declaration, documentation, will not be loaded on board the vessel, under any circumstances. All costs and consequences, including but not limited to de-stuffing, lightening of the cargo, re-stow, sealing, customs approvals, shifting etc, are for shipper's account without exception.
- xiii) **For Shipments originating from ICD's - The containers must not be permitted to be railed out, without proper VGM Documentation in possession of the ICD AGENT/OFFICE.**
- xiv) The shippers are hereby requested to educate and inform their vendors, such as clearing agents, hauliers, freight forwarders etc,
- xv) Failure to comply with VGM requirement is not an option and hence unacceptable.

6. Vessel/Feeder Operator Policy :

- a. Feeder Operator will not load any containers without a VGM Certificate, on/after 1st JULY 2016 (as same will be in violation of SOLAS/IMO regulations)
 - b. Any and all associated charges due to VGM related issues (Including but not limited to, weighing, re-weighing, re-certification, re-packing, shifting within the terminal and/or cancellation, shut-out, roll-over, shifting between terminals, and or port to CFS, v.v) shall be for box operator's account.
7. Minor Changes and modifications for one or more the procedures/processes described above, may take place prior to the **effective date(1st JULY 2016)** and in that case, PAL shall keep you well informed.

Please do get in touch with us, for any clarifications, you may require in this context

Please acknowledge receipt and confirm understanding of this communication

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely

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Authorized Signatory

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Annexure 1 - VGM DECLARATION (FORMAT) BY SHIPPER

S.NO	Details of Information	Particulars
1	Name of Shipper as on PAL Bill of Lading	
2	Shipper Registration/License No.(IEC Number for India or any other equivalent Registration Number as applicable In other Origin/ Countries)	
3	Name and Designation of the Official of the shipper Authorized to sign the document	
4	24 x 7 Contact details of the Authorized official of the shipper	
5	Container Number	
6	Container size (20'/40 or other)	
7	Maximum Permissible weight of the container, including Container Tare as per CSC Plate	
8	Weighbridge Registration No and Address of the Weighbridge	
9	Verified Gross Mass of the Container, (in KGs)	
10	VGM Method - Method 1 - Total weight of the container Plus cargo after packing, weighment Method 2 - Shipper is permitted to use this method only with prior written authorization by the Origin country and has appropriate document/certificate to demonstrate the authorization.	
11	Date and Time if Weighing	
12	Weighing Slip Number/Reference	
13	VGM CERTIFICATE NUMBER	
14	Type of Container - Dry/normal or High Cube/ Reefer /Hazardous /ISO Tank /FLAT RACK/ OPEN TOP	
15	If Hazardous, UN NO. IMDG CLASS etc	
16	HAZ Cargo Acceptance Reference Number	

Signature of the authorized person of the shipper

Name :

Designation/seal :

Date :