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## VGM Submission for On-Dock Rail in the United States

Dear Safmarine Partner,

With several U.S. marine terminals receiving containers via on-dock rail facilities, some currently do not have scales suitable for weighing such containers to arrive at a VGM. Thus, in light of the equivalency determination made by the U.S. Coast Guard, for containers arriving by on-dock rail, Safmarine will accept the actual gross cargo weights (weight of the cargo, packaging materials, pallets, and dunnage) as certified by the shipper or its agents pursuant to the Intermodal Safe Container Transportation Act (ISCTA).

In other words, Safmarine will use the cargo weight provided by the shipper to produce the verified gross mass to comply with this regulation. The cargo weight is already submitted to Safmarine by the shipper in accordance with ISCTA and should continue to be received prior to rail billing.

For cargo that does not require a certified actual gross weight under the ISCTA, shippers who wish to avail themselves of this method must submit a certified actual gross cargo weight complying with the requirements of ISCTA for determining and reporting gross cargo weights. Additional procedures necessary for computation and submission of VGM for on-dock rail shipments using ISCTA actual gross cargo weight will be made available to the shipper by Safmarine.

If you have any questions, please contact your local customer service or sales representative. We thank you for your business and we're glad to be serving your transportation needs.

Kind Regards,  
Safmarine Communications



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