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## Verified Gross Mass Requirement Update

As previously announced the SOLAS VGM regulation requires the shipper to provide the verified gross mass (VGM) to Seaboard Marine prior to loading the container on-board a vessel effective July 1, 2016. To comply with this international regulation Seaboard Marine must adhere to a "NO VGM – NO LOAD" policy therefore your submission of the VGM information is critical to ensure there is no disruption in the scheduled sailing of your cargo.

Seaboard Marine, as your carrier, will accept containers to any terminal that will allow a container to be in-gated without a VGM but we will be unable to load your cargo to its intended vessel without your submission of the VGM. Terminal operators in the ports that we serve may have their own requirements or governing regulations regarding the submission of the VGM or the acceptance of a container to a terminal therefore we strongly encourage you to verify the terminal acceptance policy at the port of loading to ensure your cargo is received timely. Seaboard Marine is compiling a list of terminal acceptance policies as they are being communicated and we will publish these requirements on our website once they are available. In addition, weighing services may be available at some of terminals in lieu of submitting a VGM to the terminal operator and they may require a fee for providing the weighing service. Seaboard Marine continues to dialogue with our terminal operators about their acceptance policy, weighing services, weighing service fees and their communication of VGM to the Shipper and/or the Carrier (Seaboard Marine).

### TO COMPLY WITH THE SOLAS VGM REQUIREMENT SEABOARD MARINE WILL:

1. Encourage our customer to use Method No. 2 as defined in the SOLAS VGM regulation to provide the VGM. We will provide our customers with the tare weight for the equipment booked in our Booking Confirmation and any updates requested by the Shipper. In addition we have made the tare weights for equipment available on [Seaboardmarine.com/Fleet/Equipment](http://Seaboardmarine.com/Fleet/Equipment) and will provide a new tool on our website to look-up tare weight for specific equipment numbers.
2. Seaboard Marine encourages our customers to send the VGM information prior to cargo delivery to the loading terminal (US or Foreign). There will also be a "VGM cut-off" that will be provided for each port of loading. If a VGM has not been received by

the VGM Cut-off the container may be rolled to another vessel or be subject to additional fees for obtaining a terminal scaled certified weight.

3. Seaboard Marine will only accept a VGM electronically through the following services:
  1. Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) in a ANSI 300 – Booking, EDI ANSI 301 – Booking Confirmation, or EDI ANSI 304 – Shipping Instructions. Customers that can provide VGM through these EDI formats must contact [vgmsupport@seaboardmarine.com](mailto:vgmsupport@seaboardmarine.com) to establish the communication to accept your EDI VGM transmissions.
  2. Third party portals that partner with Seaboard Marine such as GT Nexus, CargoSmart and others.
  3. Seaboard Marine web solutions:
    1. Seaboard Marine eServicecenter or;
    2. A new web interface that can be used through the internet on a smartphone, tablet or other internet connection. A demonstration of this simple to use tool will be published on our website and no registration is required.

Seaboard Marine will not accept a VGM verbally, by e-mail or other paper documents submitted as part of the documentation process.

Seaboard Marine understands that the industry is still evolving their procedures to comply with the SOLAS VGM regulation and we are committed to ensure that your cargo moves without interruption. We will continue to evaluate and adjust our procedures to ensure compliance with the international SOLAS VGM regulation and to ensure your cargo is loaded on schedule.

Visit our Knowledge Base to read our complete VGM FAQs:

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Visit [seaboardmarine.com/vgm](http://seaboardmarine.com/vgm) for updates.

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