



2016 VGM Info Requirement

Manual

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What is VGM ?

- Effective 1st July 2016, all packed containers are required to have a verified gross weight declared by shippers.
- Starting 1st July 2016, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) will enforce the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) requirements regarding the verification of the gross mass of packed containers. A packed container will not be allowed to be loaded on board vessels to which the SOLAS Convention applies unless the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of the container has been provided to the ship's master or his representative and to the terminal or its representative sufficiently in advance to allow for the edition of the loading plan.



Impact and consequences

- Please also be reminded of this regulation: If the Verified Gross Mass is not provided or incorrect, the container will not be loaded onto the ship. There may be extra charge if the container need to be placed outside the terminal without the VGM, besides the rental fees of warehouse and containers.

How to get the VGM ?

- The Verified Gross Mass, also known as the VGM, means the total gross mass of a packed container which can be obtained by one of the two methods described below:

Method #1

Using calibrated and certified equipment, the shipper or a third party duly appointed by the shipper weighs the packed container at the end of the stuffing operation once the seal is affixed.

Method #2

The shipper or a third party, by arrangement of the shipper, weighs all packages, cargo items, pallets, dunnage and other packing and securing material and adds the tare mass of the container. The total sum finally obtained is the weight to be provided. This method is subject to certification and approval by the competent authority of the State in which the packing and sealing of the container was completed.



Deviation of VGM

- When the shipper's declaration of VGM is not in conformity with the verification weight gained by the carrier ,the weight of the verification shall be subject to the terminal or the maritime administrative agency. The VGM provided by shippers has a margin of error of plus or minus 5 per cent or 1 ton(Take the lowest one).
- So the equipment used to verify the VGM should meet the standards and requirements of the China Measurement and supervision department for the accuracy.



Deadline of VGM Submission

- Generally, carriers need the submission deadline of VGM provided by the shippers which will be the same as the ship companies' request.
- In fact, in order to make sure the cargos of shippers can be on board in time, PGS suggest that shipper should pack the containers with VGM in the SI info one day before the port loading schedule.