



## SOLAS CONVENTION VERIFIED GROSS MASS (VGM)

- **BACKGROUND -**

The International Convention SOLAS (Safety On Life At Sea), become effective on 1th July 2016. The main requirement is, for shippers, to provide export full container's verified gross mass, prior container entrance on terminal.

Shippers bear the responsibility of the VGM declaration, and therefore the supply of real gross weight. The fail of declaration will lead to a non loading of the container.

- **VERIFIED GROSS MASS (VGM) - THE METHODS TO OBTAIN VGM -**

- ⇒ **Method 1–Weighing of a packed container.**

The shipper may weight the container after it has been packed, with a certified weighing machine. Method 1 may be used on all kinds of cargoes, especially for types of cargoes where individual weighing is not possible (e.g. scrap metal, unbagged grain and other cargo in bulk, flexitanks, etc).

- ⇒ **Method 2 –Calculating VGM**

The shipper may calculate VGM by aggregating the weight of below items:

- Cargo Weight
- The weight of the packing and securing material to be packed in the container
- Container tare weight.

As freight forwarder, we will take care of obtaining appropriate certificates from your suppliers, and then forward VGM information to sea shipping carriers, before containers enters on export terminal.

At this moment, we have no information on the means of control for VGM verification, but in case the VGM would be incorrect, it may result o non loading of the container, and possible extra charges (detention, weighing etc.).

We remain at your entire disposal.

With best regards.

# SHIPPING DECLARATION

## Full Container Load (FCL)

SOLAS Convention amended by IMO Resolution - MSC 380/(94)  
French Regulation : Arrêté du 28 avril 2016 - NOR: DEVT1610924A  
French Transport Code : Article D-1432-3 du Code des transports

SHIPPER/EXPORTER:

(IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

NATURE OF THE CARGO:

### VERIFIED GROSS MASS (VGM):

	Weight in Kg
Cargo items	
Packaging	
Pallets + Dunnage + other securing material	
Container Tare	
<b>TOTAL VGM</b>	

### VERIFICATION METHOD:

- Method No.1 (Weighing of the packed container using appropriate weighing equipment)
- Method No.2 (Adding the masses and the container tare)

### CONTAINER INFORMATION:

Container Number	
Seal Number	
Size and Type of Container	

We (the shipper/exporter) confirm and certify true and correct the above declaration of the verified gross mass (VGM) and act as guarantor on behalf of the freight forwarder to whom this declaration is transferred for any inaccuracy and agree to indemnify the freight forwarder against loss or damage that he may suffer as a result.

In \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE AND STAMP

# SHIPPING DECLARATION

## CARGO – Less than a Container Load (LCL)

SOLAS Convention amended by IMO Resolution - MSC 380/(94)  
French Regulation : Arrêté du 28 avril 2016 - NOR: DEVT1610924A  
French Transport Code : Article D-1432-3 du Code des transports

SHIPPER/EXPORTER:

(IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

NATURE OF THE CARGO:

### VERIFIED GROSS WEIGHT\*:

	Weight in Kg
Cargo items	
Packaging	
Pallets (Quantity :        )	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

\*It must be noted that the weight must be obtained either by using appropriate weighing equipment, by obtaining it from the manufacturer or from shipper's database.

We (the shipper/exporter) confirm and certify true and correct the above declaration of the verified gross weight and act as guarantor on behalf of the freight forwarder to whom this declaration is transferred for any inaccuracy and agree to indemnify the freight forwarder against loss or damage that he may suffer as a result.

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