

VERIFIED GROSS MASS (VGM)



VGM Operation Guide For Customer

Objective for VGM
Personnel security!
Operational safety!
Vessel safety!

Application of VGM
Vessel stowage plan

Consequence for lack of VGM

**NO VGM
NO LOAD**

Why need to set up VGM CUT-OFF time?

Due to the purpose for vessel pre-stowage, carrier and dock all need enough time for completing. Hence it is

How to get the VGM CUT-OFF time?

- Website
- Booking Confirmation (Developing)

VGM CUT-OFF time?

- 30 hours before ETA (apply to EDI, EB, E-SI, etc. by electronic way); 42 hours before ETA (apply to fax, mail, etc. on paper).
- Will make proper adjustment if have discrepancy with the local dock's or VSA's requirement.
E.G dock's VGM CUT-OFF time is 48 hours before ETA, our company's CUT-OFF will be 6 hours ahead on the basis of dock's, that is 54 hours before ETA
- It will be adjusted according to Vessel Operator's CUT-OFF if the packed container will be loaded on their vessel.

How to weigh?

1, There is no mandatory requirement for weighing location be indicated in SOLAS, shipper can arrange weighing themselves, but the used equipment (weighing apparatus) must meet the local precision standard and requirements;

2, Our company will collect the weighing location from all over the world and for your reference.

SOLAS: container's maximum loading weight can't exceed the maximum loading weight stipulated by the International Convention for Safe Containers container can't be loaded on aboard if exceed the standard weight.

How to weigh?

- Method 1: Whole weighing
- Method 2: Cumulative weighing

How to send out VGM to Carrier?

- VERMAS(EDI)
- E-SI
- EB (our company's website)
- fax, email

Charging standard for VGM data transmission?

- Our company will charge customers based on the EDI portals fees if customers provide VGM via EDI Portal;
- Our company will charge customers if submitting VGM via FAX, mail or any other hardcopy, due to the labor cost raised accordingly.
Concerned Tariff will be further issued.

What need to be provided?

- Booking NO./ B/L number
- Container Number
- VGM
- Weight measurement (KGS)
- Responsible Party (Shipper shown on B/L)
- Name of Authorized person (Signature)
- Certification Statement (If the VGM is submitted through E-mail/FAX/ any other hardcopy....)

our company Receiving VGM from Shipper then Forwarding VGM to Terminal

our company will check if all the VGM have been received before cut-off time & advising customer for any missing.

Our company will make Pre-stowage according to VGM

Our company will transmit the stowage plan to Terminal, and then Terminal will make actual Loading Plan accordingly.

If VGM can be amended ?

- It is free if the amendment application received before VGM cut-off ;
- The relevant amendment fee is needed if the application after cut-off time, due to extra work is caused. (Tariff will be further issued)
- VGM amendment is not acceptable if the actual stowage has been finished. (specific time please contact our local office)

How to deal with VGM discrepancy?

1, **SOLAS**: Will subject to VGM weighed by dock if there are discrepancy between the VGM from customer and the VGM weighed by dock.

2, **SOLAS** doesn't explicitly stipulate the permitted error range; hence the concerned process should be operated according to local authority. And the regulation issued by our company is available if local authority of POL without issuing relevant regulation.

Spot Checking: Our company will spot check VGM, customer should undertake all responsibility, risks and cost caused if the checking result exceeds the error range permitted by local authority.

IMO MSC advised on 23-May, a 3-month- trail run period is granted. And the implementation of our company during Jul 01 to Sep 30 is:

- It is permitted that packed containers that are loaded on a ship before 1 July 2016 and are transhipped on or after 1 July 2016 to be shipped to their final POD without the VGM.
- The rules to the Local Packed containers loaded on or after 1 July should be operated according to your local terminals.
- Above mentioned fees will not be charged during this period.

Cargo loaded on

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