



Customer Advisory
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Update on Mandatory SOLAS VGM requirement

Dear Valued Customer,

Following earlier communication on the implementation of SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) VGM requirement: **"NO VGM – NO LOAD"** policy, we would like to reemphasize that accurate and timely VGM submission is **mandatory** to ensure your cargo loading from Port of Loading and Transhipment Port.

Why should you submit correct VGM?

Effective from 1 July 2016, every packed export container is required to have a Verified Gross Mass (VGM) as a condition of onboarding a vessel. Sealand Maersk supports this requirement as it promotes safety across the industry, including our customers and their cargoes, landside personnel, and subsequently our employees and vessels. VGM data missing/ delayed from your part might result in –

- Unwanted maritime accidents
- Roll over/ shut out from Transhipment port causing delay of the shipment
- Unnecessary cost exposure for re-nomination and detention

So, to avoid the hassle & keep your shipment lead time intact, please share correct data in the first time.

What is the cut-off for VGM submission?

All VGM data must be updated on the day of stuffing by 1400 hrs without fail.

How should I submit the VGM?

- Via your dedicated Depot/ CFS agent for ensuring correct VGM submission.
- Via our website www.sealandmaersk.com and login through our portal.

Appreciate your usual cooperation in this regard.

Best Regards,
Sealand – A Maersk Company
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