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**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF SOLAS REGULATION V1/2 ON VERIFIED GROSS MASS OF CONTAINERS – FOR LOCAL EXPORT**

**1. What is VGM?**

VGM is the total gross mass of a packed container which includes the cargo weight, block & bracing materials and container tare.

**2. Who provides the VGM?**

The shipper is responsible for providing the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of a packed container by stating it in the shipping document/instructions using below methods and submitting to the terminal operator and the vessel master or his representative in advance for the preparation of stowage plan. The SOLAS Convention offers two methods to obtain the VGM:

**3. Proposed method**

Method 1: Weighing the packed container as a whole using calibrated and certified equipment.

Method 2: Weighing the individual packages and cargo items, including the mass of pallets, dunnage and other securing material, using certified equipment and adding sum to the tare mass of container.

**4. What to include in your VGM ESN instructions to portnet**

Below items are mandatory and must be on all VGM instructions to Terminal.

- a. Booking number/ UCR number
- b. Container number
- c. VGM – Verified Gross Mass
- d. Weighing method
- e. Authorised person's signatory
- f. VGM acquire time (optional)
- g. VGM reference (optional)