



## UWL SOLAS COMPLIANCE FOR SHIPPERS

### NAVIGATE SOLAS WITH UWL

#### Safety of Cargo and Life at Sea (SOLAS) – Effective: 7/1/2016 Verified Gross Mass (VGM)

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) will implement its global enforcement of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) requirements on July 1, 2016.

Containers will not be placed on board the vessel unless the verified gross mass (VGM) of the containers has been communicated and documented in advance. VGM is defined by IMO as “the combined mass of a container’s tare mass and the masses of all packages and cargo items, including pallets, dunnage and other packing material and securing materials packed into the container.”

According to SOLAS regulations, the shipper will be responsible for the weight accuracy and the VGM as defined in the IMO Guidelines. If the shipper provides any untimely and/or inaccurate information, the shipper will be liable and responsible to UWL and/or carrier for any fines, penalties, delays, additional costs of any kind (e.g., demurrage, detention, storage, etc.), damages or losses resulting therefrom.

#### SUBMIT YOUR VGM FORM

In order to ensure compliance with this requirement, UWL has created a VGM Form featured on the following page that shippers must complete.

Upon completion of container loading, please upload the completed VGM Form at [www.shipUWL.com/SOLAS](http://www.shipUWL.com/SOLAS) to notify your UWL logistics expert before the VGM deadline provided by the local origin port authority. UWL will provide confirmation of receipt for your completed and accepted UWL VGM Form:

1. VGM Method Applied
2. Booking Number
3. Container Number(s)
4. Verified Weight for Each Container
5. Approval & Signature of an Authorized Representative of the Shipper

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# VERIFIED GROSS MASS (VGM) FORM

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## SHIPPER'S INFORMATION

Shipper or Company Name

Authorized Personnel Name and Title

Email Address

Phone Number

Fax Number

Booking Number

**SHIPMENT TYPE** FCL  YES  NO LCL  YES  NO

**VGM METHOD APPLIED**  ACTUAL  CALCULATED  OTHER

**ACTUAL:** Weight derived by weighing the packed and sealed container

**CALCULATED:** Weight derived by adding the weight of the packages and cargo items including dunnage, pallets, other securing material, etc. to the tare weight of the container.

**OTHER:** The shipper provides UWL with the weight of all packages and cargo items including pallets, dunnage, etc. and elects UWL to apply the industry average standard tare weight of the container to derive the total calculated weight.

VERIFIED WEIGHT UNIT OF MEASURE (UOM) <input type="radio"/> KGS <input type="radio"/> LBS	
CONTAINER NUMBER(S)	VERIFIED WEIGHT FOR EACH CONTAINER

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