



ACL – SOLAS/VGM PROCEDURES

This message is intended to share Atlantic Container Line's revised VGM procedures for the July 1st startup of the SOLAS regulatory changes.

ACL must possess a VGM for every container for inclusion of the shipment on the load list; absence of a VGM will prohibit ACL from putting the container forward on to be laden on the booked vessel.

ACL will strictly adhere to a No VGM/No Load policy for all vessels sailing on and after July 1, 2016.

US CROSS BORDER SHIPMENTS. Containers will be accepted at the CN Rail and moved to Halifax without the VGM, however the VGM must be acquired by the shipper prior delivery to the rail. The VGM must be provided to ACL by noon the day following the official rail cut-off. Containers cannot be moved off terminal for weighing upon arrival in Halifax.

HALIFAX will receive containers without a filed VGM. The terminal does not have the scales, so cargo will be held on the dock until the shipper is able to supply a VGM or have the container picked up and drayed to an offsite scale to be weighed. The associated gate cost to pick up the container will be for the account of the cargo.

In order to avoid additional cost to dray and weigh containers in Halifax, it is recommended that shippers of Canadian origin rail traffic weigh their freight to acquire a VGM before it is delivered to the Canadian railhead.

ACL will require all Halifax VGM to be submitted 24 business hours prior to vessel arrival for inclusion on the load list. Cargo held from the booked vessel for missing VGM will be assessed charges for rehandling and storage.

NYC - APM, Global, and NYCT will receive containers without a VGM and weigh the container to acquire a VGM. If a shipper wishes to file a VGM rather than use the terminal weighing option, the VGM must be submitted to ACL 2 hours prior to container delivery to ensure it is on file at the terminal for the container arrival. ACL will accept the terminal weight as the VGM.

NYC RAIL CARGO at the APM, GCT, NYCT TERMINALS –The ports will assess a \$75 fee receiving handling fee and \$10 weighing fee for rail containers that are received without a VGM on file. ACL encourages shippers with rail containers in NY to submit their VGM prior to arrival at the terminal to avoid this cost.

BALTIMORE Seagirt, NORFOLK, CHARLESTON, SAVANNAH, HOUSTON will receive containers without presentation of a VGM and will weigh the container at no additional cost to the shipper. There are no additional fees for rail containers at these ports. ACL will accept the terminal weight as a VGM.

Register to submit your VGM through ACL's website MyACL at <http://www.aclcargo.com/myacl.pip>.
Email VGM submissions should be sent to ACLNAmerVGM@aclcargo.com

Should you have questions on the VGM regulations or the content of this message, please contact ACL Customer Service at 800-225-1235