

Dear Customers,

ANL customers should be aware of the upcoming introduction of the SOLAS / VGM container weight regime which will be in force in Hong Kong on July 1, 2016. We take this opportunity to remind you the key points of the amendment of this regulation (Chapter VI – Regulation 2).

- The Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of packed container must be provided to Carrier by each shipper before loading on board vessels within a prescribed cut-off date/time to the shipping line and/or port terminal authorities.
- The Shipper (legal entity or person named on the Bill of lading or sea waybill or equivalent multimodal transport document as shipper and/or who (or in whose name or on whose behalf) a contract of carriage has been concluded with a shipping company) is responsible for providing the Verified Gross Mass.
- As per the regulation, either of the two approved methods must be used to declare the verified gross mass:

Method 1: weighing the packed container by using the approved weighing scale;

Method 2: weighing all packages and cargo items, including pallets, dunnage and other securing material to be packed in the container and adding the tare mass of the container to the sum of the single mass using a certified method approved by the Hong Kong Marine Department.

The Hong Kong Marine Department has updated its website with information relevant to the VGM requirements that you are recommended to browse the web page and take necessary registration actions as soon as possible if Shippers would like to adopt Method 2 for the VGM submission. Please visit Marine Department at http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/ocean/miss_vgm.html.

At ANL, we bring full compliance measures on VGM requirements with minimum controls. We gather the VGM information, compile and submit the same to the terminals. Shippers can provide VGM information of their containers on their Shipping Instructions (SI) or through a separate submission. We can accept this information from our eBusiness portal, EDI and using Market Places (INTTRA, GTNexus and CargoSmart).

The ANL eBusiness platform provides the ability to electronically transmit the VGM. All our Shippers with an eBusiness account can avail our eVGM service online where offers a comprehensive dashboard view along with an active online verification process, ensures an error free VGM submission. Shippers can rely on our single window system for real time view on SOLAS compliance.

For more information about the eVGM submission through ANL ebusiness platform, please visit <http://www.anl.com.au/products-services/verified-gross-mass> or

<http://www.anl.com.au/products-services/verified-gross-mass/VGM-FAQ> for some FAQ which has been compiled in response to questions received from some of our customers.

ANL trusts that this information is of assistance for our valued customers in the lead up to the introduction of the SOLAS VGM regime commencing on 1 July 2016.

For further information please contact with our Customer Service Team.

For additional information about SOLAS – VGM implementation, please visit the Hong Kong Marine Department website and our ANL PROCESS & FAQ.

Best Regards,

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