



## Customer Advisory: SOLAS VGM - U.S. Load Port - Terminal Gate Container Weighing

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Dear OOCL Customer

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has made amendments to the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) convention indicating that all shippers must comply with mandatory container weight verification requirements, or Verified Gross Mass (VGM), effective July 1, 2016.

As an update to the VGM submission methods for cargo originating from United States load ports, the U.S. Coast Guard has determined that existing U.S. laws for providing verified container weights are equivalent to the requirements under SOLAS.

OOCL fully supports this measure as an acceptable method of compliance. Further, we are actively working through the Ocean Carrier Equipment Management Association (OCEMA) group, along with other key industry stakeholders, to clearly define an applicable process for both local and intermodal on-dock rail cargo in line with this development.

We will shortly be communicating further details on these processes for your guidance.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

If you have any questions, please contact your local OOCL Sales Representative.

Yours Truly;

**OOCL USA INC**