



SOLAS - Verified Gross Mass (VGM) effective July 1, 2016

Dear Valued Customers:

The SOLAS regulatory change requiring a shipper provided verified gross Mass weight (VGM) for every container will become effective July 1, 2016. All containers scheduled for loading onto vessels sailing on and after July 1, 2016 will require a VGM.

The below grid displays the ACL process by Ocean Terminal and includes cut offs for the receipt of the VGM and the container delivery requirements at the North American terminals which ACL services. This information is current as of this writing; any changes will be communicated in subsequent service bulletins.

TERMINAL	cut off for VGM submission (ocean terminal standard)	Will the terminal accept delivery if the VGM has not been presented?	Does the terminal offer an option to weigh containers?	What is the cost to the shipper to rehandle and/or weigh containers? ⁽²⁾
Halifax	24 hours prior to container delivery	YES ⁽¹⁾	NO	2 x terminal tariff handling fees
NYC- APM	24 hours prior to container delivery	YES ⁽¹⁾	NO	rehandling fees per terminal tariff
NYC - Global	24 hours prior to container delivery	NO	NO	N/A
NYC - NYCT	24 hours prior to container delivery	NO	NO	N/A
Baltimore – Seagirt	24 hours prior to container delivery	YES ⁽¹⁾	YES ⁽²⁾	rehandling fees per terminal tariff; Scale cost TBA
Norfolk	24 hours prior to container delivery	NO	NO	N/A
Charleston	24 hours prior to container delivery	YES ⁽¹⁾	NO	rehandling fees per terminal tariff
Savannah – Garden City	24 hours prior to container delivery	YES ⁽¹⁾	NO	rehandling fees per terminal tariff
Houston	24 hours prior to container delivery	NO	NO	N/A

- 1) ACL will not load any container unless we have a VGM on file.
- 2) All costs associated with handling, weighing, storage or demurrage for holding containers which are delivered without VGM will be for the account of the cargo.



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ACL will process and electronically transmit the shipper submitted VGM to the terminal operator to facilitate receipt and loading of the booked containers. The timeliness of the presentation of the VGM by the shipper or their agent is crucial to avoiding delays and additional costs when the container is delivered at the terminal. The VGM may be provided to ACL in any of the below listed options:

- Via electronic VGM, for which VERMAS was developed
- Through existing EDI connections with ACL.
- Via the ACL webpage, currently under development as MyACL. Information on this resource will be circulated upon completion of this enhancement to our website.
- Via industry portals such as INTTRA, Cargo Smart, etc.
- E-mail submission to ACL at ACLNAmerVGM@aclcargo.com which must include the ACL shipment number, the container number, the VGM and the authorized person's name in capital letters or an e-signature.
- If you choose to provide VGM on Shipping Instructions, the instructions with the VGM must also be forwarded to ACLNAmerVGM@aclcargo.com to ensure the data is communicated to the ocean terminal prior to delivery of the container.

Please contact ACL Customer Service at 800-225-1235 or your ACL Sales Manager should you require any additional information