



Service Announcement #16-066

June 29, 2016

SOLAS/VGM POLICY UPDATE

Dear Valued Customer,

There have been several changes over the past few weeks regarding how VGM's will be handled for US Exports, and we would like to take a few paragraphs to brief everyone on the current status with US Lines for US exports.

First, regardless of how cargo is moved, US Lines will accept a VGM via our website (for e-commerce registered users), via any of the internet portals (INTTRA, CargoSmart, or GT-Nexus), via email, or via fax. Note that for email or fax submissions, there will be a process fee for manual VGM submission.

At marine terminal facilities that acknowledge having scales and processes that meet U.S. Coast Guard requirements for terminals providing VGM, shipper may allow the terminal to weigh the container and provide the gross mass to carrier as a VGM equivalent. Shippers availing themselves of this option are not required to provide a signature to Carrier, but acknowledge that use of this method is verification of the gross mass. When VGM is provided by the marine terminal on behalf of shipper, shipper shall remain liable to Carrier for any loss, damages, costs, fines or penalties to carrier arising out of any entity's or regulatory authority's refusal to accept or acknowledge VGM calculated in this manner.

For those containers that are not weighed by the terminal – primarily ondock rail exiting via the US West Coast or at some terminals in the NY/NJ port complex, a shipper supplied VGM will be required prior to the container being loaded to our vessel.

We are working within OCEMA and with the USCG to address the possibility of utilizing the Intermodal Safe Container Transportation Act (ISCTA) declared weights to assist in VGM provisions for ondock rail containers which arrive at the port without a shipper submitted VGM, but as this process is still pending, a shipper issued VGM remains a requirement for these containers.

Our VGM cut-off is normally at noon of the last day of cargo receiving, with some local exceptions applicable. However, shippers should be aware that some terminals may charge a weighing fee if a container arrives at the gate without a VGM on file, and these costs will be for account of the shipper.

For assistance with VGM submission or for general information regarding the SOLAS VGM requirement, please refer to our website at <http://www.uslines.com/products-services/verified-gross-mass>.

For a list of our terminals and the VGM situation as of noon EDT June 29, 2016, **please refer to the following chart**. Please note that this chart is subject to change without notice.





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Location	Terminal	Terminal Position	Railed cargo	Trucked Cargo Cost
USNYC	PNCT	Accept W/O VGM	IF arrives rail w/o VGM, terminal will weigh for \$75	Will use scale weight if line certifies
	ASI/RED HOOK	Accept W/O VGM	Rail Cargo moves thru gate for VGM	Will use scale weight if line certifies
	MAHER	Accept W/O VGM	Shipper must supply VGM to load vessel	Will use scaled weight
	APM	Accept W/O VGM	\$75 charge if arrives rail w/o VGM, shipper must supply VGM to load vsl	\$10 weigh fee to line for VGM
USPHL	PACKER AVE	Accept W/O VGM	Rail Cargo moves thru gate for VGM	Will use scaled weight
USBWI	SEAGIRT	Accept W/O VGM	Rail Cargo moves thru gate for VGM	Will use scaled weight
USORF	VIT (APM/NIT/PMT)	Accept W/O VGM	Rail Cargo moves thru gate for VGM	Will use scale weight if Line certifies
USCHS	WANDO / N CHARLESTON	Accept W/O VGM	Rail Cargo moves thru gate for VGM	Will use scaled weight
USSAV	GPA	Accept W/O VGM	Rail Cargo moves thru gate for VGM	Will use scaled weight
USJAX	SSA	Accept W/O VGM	Rail Cargo moves thru gate for VGM	Will use scale weight if Line certifies
USPEF	PEVPEV	Accept W/O VGM	Rail Cargo moves thru gate for VGM	Will use scale weight if Line certifies
USMIA	SFCT	Accept W/O VGM	\$75 charge if arrives rail w/o VGM, shipper must supply VGM to load vsl	\$10 weigh fee to line for VGM
USHOU	BAYPORT/BCT	Accept W/O VGM	Rail Cargo moves thru gate for VGM	Will use scale weight if Line certifies
USMOB	APM	Accept W/O VGM	\$65 charge if arrives rail w/o VGM, shipper must supply VGM to load vsl	\$10 weigh fee to line for VGM
USMSY	NCT	Accept W/O VGM	Rail Cargo moves thru gate for VGM	Terminal will bill shipper \$25 for gate weight or shipper needs to produce VGM
USLAX	APMT	Accept W/O VGM	\$85 charge if arrives rail w/o VGM, shipper must supply VGM to load vsl	\$10 weigh fee to line for VGM
	GGG	Accept W/O VGM	Will sort until VGM is rcvd EDI	Need VGM Prior to Load
	WBCT	Accept W/O VGM	Will sort until VGM is rcvd EDI	Under Discussion With Terminal
	EVERPORTS	Accept W/O VGM	Will sort until VGM is rcvd EDI	Under Discussion With Terminal
	TRAPAC	Accept W/O VGM	Will sort until VGM is rcvd EDI	Under Discussion With Terminal
USLGB	TTI	Accept W/O VGM	Will sort until VGM is rcvd EDI	Under Discussion With Terminal
	SSA - PCT/PA	Accept W/O VGM	Under Discussion With Terminal	Under Discussion With Terminal
	LBCT	Accept W/O VGM	Will sort until VGM is rcvd EDI	Under Discussion With Terminal
	ITS	Accept W/O VGM	Will sort until VGM is rcvd EDI	Under Discussion With Terminal
USOAK	SSA-OICT	Accept W/O VGM	Under Discussion With Terminal	Under Discussion With Terminal
	EVERPORTS	Accept W/O VGM	Under Discussion With Terminal	Under Discussion With Terminal
	TRAPAC	Accept W/O VGM	Under Discussion With Terminal	Under Discussion With Terminal
USSEA	SSA	Accept W/O VGM	Under Discussion With Terminal	Under Discussion With Terminal
	TTI	Accept W/O VGM	Under Discussion With Terminal	Under Discussion With Terminal
USTAC	PCT	Accept W/O VGM	Under Discussion With Terminal	Under Discussion With Terminal
	WUT	Accept W/O VGM	Under Discussion With Terminal	Under Discussion With Terminal

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