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**SOLAS – Verified Gross Mass "VGM"**

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● **Background**

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted new regulations under the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) that require shippers to verify and provide the container's gross verified weight to the vessel master or his representative and to the terminal operator for every packed container as a condition for vessel loading. These new requirements become effective on **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**. After this date, it would be in breach of SOLAS to load a packed container onto a vessel if the vessel master or his representative and the terminal operator do not have a verified weight.

● **How to weigh the VGM**

Verified gross mass means the total gross mass of a packed container as obtained by either Method 1 or Method 2 described below.

- Method 1 – The packed container is weighed after the end of the stuffing operation using calibrated and certified equipment.
- Method 2 – For some uniform or packaged cargo, the known weight of cargo packages/ pallets, etc. and securing material is added to the tare mass of the container.

● **How shipper can check each container's tare weight**

As part of Global Container Tracking search: <http://ecom.kline.com/tracking>

● **How shipper can submit VGM**

Below are preferable VGM methods for submission to "K" Line. All the system and link function will be released from **Jun, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**.

- For North China (SHA / NGB / NKG & inland / SUZ / DAL / TXG / QDO / XMN)
  1. E-service
  2. 3rd Party Portal (INTTRA, GT Nexus, Cargo Smart)
  3. KCH Homepage – North China Link
- For South China (SZX / GZU)
  1. KCH Homepage – South China Link
  2. 3rd Party Portal (INTTRA, GT Nexus, Cargo Smart)
  3. Local EDI

● **VGM Started Vessel Schedule**

Because VGM Cut off time is different between each office, please contact KCH local office for details. VGM started vessel schedule could be checked from the schedule file as below accordingly.

**Schedule:** [http://www.kline.com.cn/Service\\_listshow.asp?info\\_id=174](http://www.kline.com.cn/Service_listshow.asp?info_id=174)



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If you need more assistance, please contact KCH local office. We will be happy to provide further information and more details about this new regulation.

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