

MORMUGAO PORT TRUST
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

Ref. No. TM/589/2016/ 262

Dated: 20/06/2016

TRADE NOTICE

SUB:- SOP for implementation of SOLAS Convention to be made Effective from 1st July, 2016 concerning Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of containers.

Ref: The MS Notice 4 of 2016 dated 11.05.2016 regarding SOLAS issued by Director General of Shipping, Govt. of India.

Following are the instructions/guidelines towards enforcement and implementation of the regulations of the SOLAS convention regarding the Verified Gross Mass of the containers to be effective from 1st July, 2016. For accomplishing the objective of safe handling and transportation of containers, all the concerned are required to adhere to the adopted amendments to the regulation 2 of Chapter VI of SOLAS conventions pertaining to cargo information to facilitate compliance thereof.

In view of the referred notice regarding SOLAS, following are the guidelines for the Shippers/Exporters or their Clearing and Forwarding Agents to be adhered /ensured:

- a) All concerned shall carry out ratification of Gross Mass of the containers at a location away from the Port to avoid congestion at Port.
- b) All concerned shall mandatorily submit the VGM declaration as per Annexure – I of along with other export documents at the time of entry of the containers through Port Gate.
- c) Before submitting the VGM to the Port authority, all concerned shall ensured that all the provisions of the regulations of SOLAS convention have been complied with.

- d) The container lines/Shipping Agents will be responsible to provide the VGM to the Master of the vessel for accepting Captain 'on Board' for shipment. In case the container is not accepted by the Master of Vessel, Shipping Agent/Master of vessel will have to communicate in writing intimating the reasons thereof.
- e) Export Containers will not be accepted by the Port without VGM declaration in respect of all laden containers.
- f) It shall be the responsibility of the shipper to upload the relevant information specified in Annex-1 of this notice on a dedicated secure website that can be accessed by all concerned including the master of the vessel, or his representative.
- g) The information may also be forwarded by the shipper /exporters & his C&F Agent through electronic means to the master of the vessel or his representative, immediately on the verification of the gross mass of the container
- h) The weighbridge/weighing appliances used for ascertaining the gross mass of the container should comply with the requirements specified in Section 'E' of notice.

All the provision of the referred Notice need to be adhered to all concerned utilizing facilities of MPT for shipment of containers. In case of non-compliance of the instructions/guidelines issued under SOLAS convention towards various provisions thereof, regarding declaration of VGM, the concerned Shippers/Exporters or their C&F Agent will be held responsible.

The above Instructions/Guidelines will be effective from **1st July, 2016.**

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TRAFFIC MANAGER

INFORMATION ABOUT VERIFIED GROSS MASS OF CONTAINER

SL. No.	Details of Information	Particulars
1.	Name of the Shipper	
2.	Shipper Registration/License No. (IEC No/CIN No.)	
3.	Name and Designation of official of the shipper authorized to sign document	
4.	24 x 7 contact details of authorized official of shipper	
5.	Vessel's Name and VCN No.	
6.	Container No.	
7.	Container Size (TEU/FEU/Other)	
8.	Maximum permissible weight of container as per the CSC plate	
9.	Weighbridge Registration No. & Address of Weighbridge	
10.	Verified Gross Mass of container (method-1/method-2)	
11.	Date and time of weighing	
12.	Weighing Slip No.	
13.	Type (Normal/Reefer/Hazardous/Others)	
14.	If Hazardous, UN No., IMDG Class	

Signature of authorized person of shipper

Name : _____

Date : _____

Remarks:

Shippers not having IEC No. or CIN No. may provide information as follows:

Company - PAN No.Individuals

Indian National - AADHAR No.

Foreign National - Passport No. & Country of issue of Passport.

