



The following procedures have been established by Team Ocean Services, Inc. for our shippers, to ensure compliance with the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Regulations related to the verification of the total gross weight/mass of ocean containers. This is referred to as a Verified Gross Mass (VGM). These procedures are accompanied by a copy of the key elements of this regulation.

Procedures

Shippers in the US tendering FCL to Team Ocean Services

- When a container is loaded at the shipper's location the shipper will be required to complete the Shipper's Container Gross Weight/Mass Verification Form to verify the total gross weight/mass (VGM) of the container. All elements of the form must be completed and then signed by an authorized employee of the shipper.
- If the shipper uses an outside service to load their container, the shipper must provide the same completed form and any other weight verification document(s) from the loading facility.
- If the shipper or the loading location has the ability to actually weigh the loaded container the shipper must complete the basic elements of the above mentioned form and attach the certified scale weight document.

Shippers in the US tendering LCL to Team Ocean Services

When tendering LCL freight to TOS, the shipper must complete the Shipper's Container gross Weight/Mass Verification Form, omitting the container and blocking & bracing weight information. The form must then be signed by an authorized employee of the shipper.

Submission of the completed Verification Form

The completed form and any accompanying documentation must be submitted to the Team Ocean Services (TOS) booking Branch upon tendering of freight/container to Team Ocean Services.