

SOLAS Verified Gross Mass (VGM): International Vendor Shipment Instructions

Dear Trading Partners,

In compliance with the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) amendment to the International Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) legislation that will come into effect on July 1st, 2016; Burlington requires ALL suppliers from ALL ports to submit relevant Verified Gross Mass (VGM) information for each shipment to each of our nominated international freight forwarders.

On July 1st 2016, all ocean carriers and terminal operators will go live with a strict 'No VGM. No Load' policy. If our freight forwarders have not received your VGM data before the cutoff, the container cannot be delivered to the port.

The required VGM information includes;

1. VGM Method (1 or 2)
2. Container Tare Weight
3. Total Gross (Cargo) Weight
4. VGM Weight
5. VGM Approve Date
6. VGM Determination Date
7. VGM Signature

Forwarder: MOL Consolidation Services (MCS)

1. Fill in VGM excel document, instructions available via link:
<https://www.molconsolidation.com/NewStarlinkDocs/SOLAS%20Container%20Weight%20Verification%20Handbook%2020160516.pdf>
2. Submit VGM document to MCS origin team members that are handling the booking.

** The VGM cutoff times will vary by ocean carrier. The forwarder will send you clear VGM instructions upon receipt of your booking in order to be in compliance.