



Dear clients of StreamLines,

The International Maritime Organization had defined a deadline for July 1st, 2016, for the implementation of the amendments to the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) rules, requiring as from that date that Shippers have to provide with a Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of the containers before being loaded on board of the ships.

Being this part of an International rule, to which StreamLines fully adheres, it will be forbidden for all Shipping Lines to load on board of ships any container for which the Shipper hasn't presented the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) documentation.

It's important to note that the responsibility for providing the VGM lies at the Shipper's side, who has to obtain the relevant documentation and to present it to the Shipping Line.

The rule contemplates two different methodologies that could be used by the Shipper in order to obtain the VGM, either weighting the container after sealing at a certified weighting facility; or by adding the weight of each package stuffed into the container, plus the weight of the packing and lashing material and plus the tare weight of the container, having in this case received a certification and approval from a relevant national regulatory body.

Please be aware that as from July 1st, 2016, all Shipping Lines including StreamLines, will not be able to load your containerized cargo if this procedure hasn't been followed.

For more information please contact our local office and visit:

www.worldshipping.org/industry-issues/safety/cargo-weight

[www.worldshipping.org/industry-issues/safety/WSC Guideline for implementing the SOLAS Container Weight Verification Requirements.pdf](http://www.worldshipping.org/industry-issues/safety/WSC%20Guideline%20for%20implementing%20the%20SOLAS%20Container%20Weight%20Verification%20Requirements.pdf)

Best regards,
Your StreamLines team.

