

**Subject: Container Weight Verification Requirement – IMO amendment of the SOLAS Convention**

Dear Valued Customers,

The International Maritime Organization has adopted new Regulations which require the weight of each container to be verified prior to loading onto a ship. These regulations come into force on 1 July 2016.

In summary, the Regulations require that:

- The *verified gross mass* of a container to be carried on ship must be provided by the shipper prior to it being loaded on the ship.
- Such *verified gross mass* must be stated in the shipping document, signed by a duly authorized person and submitted to the Master and the Terminal in advance for usage in the vessel stowage plan.
- *Verified gross mass* is obtained by weighing the packed container using calibrated and certified equipment or weighing all packages and cargo items, (including pallets and dunnage) plus the tare mass of the container, using a certified method approved by the State in which the packing was completed.
- Any container not meeting the above requirements shall not be loaded on the ship.

Abu Dhabi Terminals is currently working with the Port Authority to review specific arrangements which will apply in Abu Dhabi and at Khalifa Port Container Terminal, to ensure continued efficient vessel servicing and container terminal operations at Khalifa Port, following which Abu Dhabi Terminals will issue a further circular.

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