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**Subject: Verified Gross Mass (VGM) - IMO amendment of the SOLAS Convention**

Dear Valued Customers,

Ref: KPCT/2016/CIR/04

As per the new regulation of International Maritime Organization (IMO) for SOLAS convention, containers Gross Mass has to be verified prior to loading on board the ship. This regulation will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

From:  
Abu Dhabi Terminals

It should be noted that this SOLAS regulation is not new. It just reinstates the existing regulation that obliges the Shipper to provide the Carrier verified and accurate weight of a packed container.

To:  
All Shipping Lines,  
Agents, Traders,  
Transporters and Port  
Users

Abu Dhabi Ports and Abu Dhabi Terminals (ADT) in line with our continuous endeavors to improve safety have formulated a strategy to implement the SOLAS convention. Our strategy will ensure a seamless process by providing a certified weighing service which is fully integrated within the container terminal operating system.

At the time of creating Truck Visit Appointment (TVA), customers will be able to declare Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of the container on the ADT web portal or request ADT to weigh the container and provide the VGM. In both cases, weights will be captured and made available through EDI transmission.

If ADT weighs the Packed Container and provides the VGM, a charge of AED 40 per container will be applicable. This charge will be collected at the time of making the Truck Visit Appointment (TVA).

Shippers or their agents can also declare the VGM on the Maqta Gateway system. In case, VGM is not declared by Shipper and ADT provides the weighing service, Abu Dhabi Ports will populate the VGM information on the Maqta Gateway system on behalf of the Shipper. The charge for Maqta Gateway providing the VGM will be AED 5 per certificate.

All relevant ship documents (discharge/load list, bayplan etc.) should have a VGM and effective 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016, Regulation will prohibit the loading of a packed container in the absence of such.

For any further clarification please contact us as follows.

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