

## **Announcement**

### **Thai International Cargo and Container Terminals Association**

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According to Maritime Department's Announcement at No. 113/2016 dated June 10, 2016 Subject: Guidelines for Implementation and Enforcement of the SOLAS Requirements Regarding the Verified Gross Mass of Packed Container which will be effective on July 1, 2016 onward, and in order to comply with this announcement, Thai International Cargo and Container Terminals Association would like to inform guideline of practice to agent of shipping line companies and relevant parties to acknowledge as the following.

1. During Verified Gross Mass of Packed Container (VGM) has not entered into National Single Window (NSW), agent of shipping line has the duty to deliver Pre-Advice with VGM to Terminal Operator and inform to shipper to declare VGM in "Document of Control Container Carrying Cargo".

2. If container has no VGM, Terminal Operator will not allow the container to gate-in or will not discharge from barge or rail. This will include the transshipped container unless the VGM of such container has been delivered to Terminal Operator.

3. In case of cargo is stuffed into the container at Terminal, shipper or its agent has the duty to declare cargo weight, including weight of all packages, the mass of pallets, dunnage and other packing and securing material in the Packing List. All that weights as foresaid shipper should ensure that they must be correct to calculate VGM. If the declared weight is not correct, shipper shall be responsible for all damage or other expenses incurred.

4. In case VGM is declared in "Document of Control Container Carrying Cargo" in clause 1 and clause 3, it shall be the duty of shippers or its agents to declare VGM to shipping line as soon as they have received VGM of such the container.

5. Terminal Operator has not the duty to re-verify VGM of the container.

6. When VGM has already entered into NSW, Terminal Operator will use VGM which is appeared in NSW instead and it shall be deemed verified by the relevant parties according to this Maritime Announcement for making plan loading onto the ship.

7. Shipping line has the duty to deliver Final Loading List together with VGM of each container to Terminal Operator within 24 hours before the ship berthing at terminal to use for making plan loading container onto the ship.

8. Any costs associated with the non-loading onto a ship, storage, demurrage including administration and development of computer system to reserve the VGM in compliance with this Maritime Announcement, Terminal Operator reserves the right to claim such expense or cost incurred to relevant parties by giving an announcement in advance.

Announcement is given on June 16, 2016.

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