



Verified Gross Mass Compliance

On July 1, 2016, the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) amendments take effect that require shippers (as shown on the bill of lading or entity authorized by the shipper) to provide a Verified Gross Mass (VGM) declaration for every packed container as a mandatory condition for vessel loading. The purpose of this VGM compliance is to eliminate safety issues based on incorrect declarations of container weight.

Overview: SOLAS requires that the shipper communicates the VGM with sufficient time in advance of sail date. This VGM is to be used by the ship's master or its representative and the terminal representative in the preparation of the ship's stowage plan. In the absence of the shipper providing the VGM of the packed container, the container would consequently not be loaded onto the vessel.

Obtaining the VGM:

- I. Weighing method 1: Actual- where the weight was derived by weighing the packed and sealed container.
- II. Weighing method 2: Calculated- where the weight was derived by adding the weight of the packages and cargo items including pallets, dunnage, etc. to the tare weight of the container.

Any supplemental information regarding the VGM of a container carrying cargo can be found [here](#).



Verified Gross Mass (VGM) Declaration

Safety of Cargo and Life at Sea (SOLAS effective 07/01/2016)

Date:	
Booking/ Carrier Reference Number:	
Shipper's Information:	
Company Name	
Authorized Personnel Name	
Contact Information (Phone or Email)	

Container Number	Seal Number (s)	Weighing Method* (1 or 2)	Verified Gross Mass (VGM)	VGM- Unit of Measure (Kgs or Lbs)	Date of Weighing (MM/DD/YY)

*Please define weighing method:

Weighing method 1: Actual- where the weight was derived by weighing the packed and sealed container.

Weighing method 2: Calculated- where the weight was derived by adding the weight of the packages and cargo items including pallets, dunnage, etc. to the tare weight of the container.

It is important to emphasize, the shipper will be responsible for the weight accuracy and the VGM as identified in the [IMO Guidelines](#). We, the shipper, hereby warrant to Pep Boys and affiliates that the information provided in this form is accurate and complete and according to the requirements of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea.

Signature and Date: (if electronic signature please specify name in CAPITALS).	
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