

A SIMPLE GUIDE

TO THE NEW CONTAINER WEIGHT MANDATE

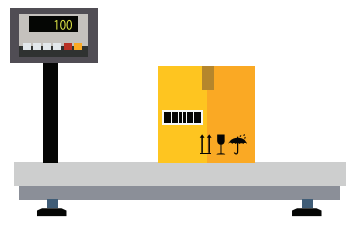
WHAT ARE YOU REQUIRED TO DO?

Starting July 1st 2016, Shippers must provide a certificate with the VGM (verified gross mass) to the ocean carrier and the port terminal operator in advance of vessel loading. The Certification must be "signed", meaning a specific person representing the shipper is named and identified as having verified the accuracy of the weight calculation on behalf of the shipper.

WHAT OPTIONS DO YOU HAVE AS A SHIPPER?



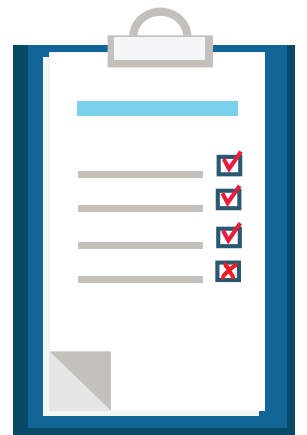
A. You may weigh the entire container, using calibrated and certified equipment. Then, subtract the weight of the container to get the gross weight of the cargo inside.



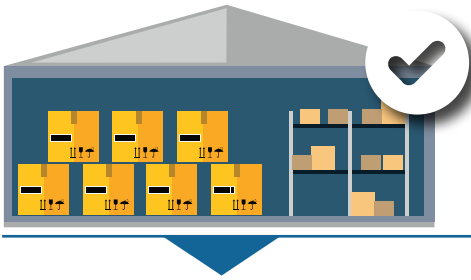
B. Weigh all of the packages in the container individually. Don't forget to include pallets, dunnage and other securing materials you may be using.

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CASE OF NON-COMPLIANCE?

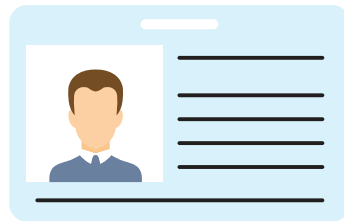
If the shipper fails to provide the certified weight of a container, the Line and Terminal could refuse to load the container on the vessel, resulting in delays and additional costs.



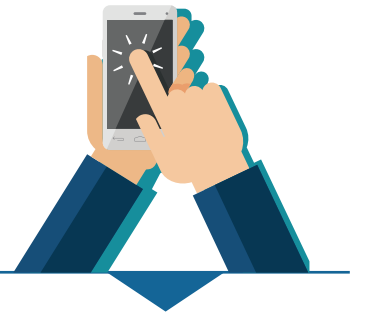
HOW SHOULD YOU PREPARE?



Identification of facilities that possess the required certified weighing equipment.



Make sure your staff is aware of the new requirements.



Stay on top of developments as the implementation date approaches.



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Who is the shipper?

The party listed as Shipper on the BOL is responsible for providing the VGM. This may be the actual shipper, a freight forwarder or any other 3rd party.