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### **SOLAS Container Weight Verification (VGM)**

Dear Valued Customer

In relation to the new legislation effective of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 every export container pre-advice must be accompanied with an electronic VGM (Verified Gross Mass), Nexus has been advised that the new VGM also applies to domestic coastal routes and will be applying it to these services till such time as we are told otherwise.

We recommend that if you are planning to export in July the new VGM process is implemented in the last two weeks of June.

In terms of the VGM Certification these are your options:

1. You can do it yourself by either of the following methods listed below:
  - a) Weighing the packed container using calibrated and certified equipment; or
  - b) Weighing all packages and cargo items, including the mass of pallets, dunnage and other securing material to be packed in the container and adding the tare mass of the container to the sum of the single masses, using a certified method approved by the competent authority in which packing of the container was completed.

In either case above the shipper must be able to satisfy MNZ that they have followed a correct process to ascertain the weight, and have evidence to support that. The shipper must then provide that information in declaration format (exact format to be advised) to the port prior to the acceptance of the container at the port.

2. Nexus can provide VGM services and pre-advice documentation; we are currently working on options and will notify you of these once we have all other requirements from MNZ.

Nexus will update you on specific details regarding submitting the VBS electronically and the tolerance levels once we know.

If you have any questions, please contact your Business Development Manager.

Kind regards,

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