

### **Loading on board ONLY with verified gross mass (VGM)!**

Every year incorrect packing and wrong weight declarations of containers cause major accidents and victims. Yearly, several hundreds of overweight Containers get lost in transit, overboard or endanger human life, loaded cargoes and carrier, both on sea and land. As part of the SOLAS (International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea) Convention, an additional requirement for a verification of the gross mass (VGM) was deemed necessary by the IMO (International Maritime Organization).

### **Effective as of July 1, 2016 new requirements verifying the gross mass of a packed containers are mandatory worldwide.**

What does this mean for German shippers?

It is mandatory that shippers provide a verified gross mass. This verified gross mass is to be indicated in the shipping document and must be submitted sufficiently (VGM-closing date) in advance to the carrier or his designated Forwarding Agent. Carriers will not accept any containers on board without prior submission of a verified gross mass of a Container by shipper.

### **NO VGM – NO CONTAINER LOADING**

There is no doubt that these new SOLAS requirements will add cost in all processes throughout the entire logistics chain. We would therefore like to inform you that SHOT LOGISTICS GMBH will charge a **VGM transmission fee** of **EURO 10,00** per shipment for every booking with ETS effective as of July 1st, 2016.

For further information please visit our website: [www.containerwaage.com](http://www.containerwaage.com)

Our technical specialist Mr Joachim Paul will be glad to assist any of your queries or additional questions or suggestions you may have

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