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## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS

### SOLAS PROGRAM FOR VERIFIED GROSS MASS OF SHIPPING CONTAINERS

Dear Valued Client,

Please be advised as of the 01<sup>st</sup> July 2016 all countries party to the SOLAS, MARPOL and other international conventions listed with the **International Maritime Organisation (IMO)** will be required to supply a declaration upon export to declare the gross mass of shipping containers.

The load port authority has jurisdiction over cargoes being loaded onto vessels, so with regard to verification of gross mass of shipping containers, AMSA is the designated authority for ensuring these measures are implemented for vessels being loaded globally.

Attached is a list of all countries in which this regulation will apply.

For Australia, the SOLAS provision for the shipper to '*ensure that the gross mass of the units is in accordance with the gross mass declared in the cargo information provided to the master or the master's representative (before loading cargo units on board a vessel)*' has been required under Marine Order 42 (*Cargo stowage and securing*) (MO 42) since at least the 2003 version of that order.

However, the requirement for 'verification' of the gross mass of a container will be implemented in a new version of MO 42, the details of which have now been made available for public comment. The draft order and other supporting documents can be freely accessed on the AMSA website [www.amsa.gov.au](http://www.amsa.gov.au) under the Community link <http://www.amsa.gov.au/community/index.asp> under the Consultation link <http://www.amsa.gov.au/community/consultation/index.asp> Open Submissions - MO 42 (*Cargo stowage and securing*) 2014.

Declarations must be presented on shipper's company letter head, confirming the weight of the container including the container tare weight. Attached is an example of such declaration, however each country may have their own format. Please confirm with your suppliers to ensure the correct format is completed.

Any container delivered to wharf without the correct declaration will be rejected and could face export delay. As this is a global initiative, please ensure your suppliers are aware of such procedures.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your account representative.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Members of the IMO

Albania	Egypt	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Algeria	El Salvador	Samoa
Angola	Fiji	Serbia
Antigua and Barbuda	Finland	Seychelles
Argentina	France	Sierra Leone
Australia	Gabon	Singapore
Austria	Gambia	Slovakia
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Slovenia
Bahamas	Germany	Solomon Islands
Bahrain	Ghana	Somalia
Bangladesh	Greece	South Africa
Barbados	Grenada	Spain
Belgium	Guatemala	Sri Lanka
Belize	Guinea	Sudan
Benin	Guinea-Bissau	Suriname
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Guyana	Sweden
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Haiti	Switzerland
Brazil	Honduras	Syrian Arab Republic
Brunei Darussalam	Hungary	Thailand
Bulgaria	Iceland	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Cambodia	India	Timor-Leste
Cameroon	Indonesia	Togo
Canada	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Tonga
Cabo Verde	New Zealand	Trinidad and Tobago
Chile	Nicaragua	Tunisia
China	Nigeria	Turkey
Colombia	Norway	Turkmenistan
Comoros	Oman	Tuvalu
Congo	Pakistan	Uganda
Cook Islands	Palau	Ukraine
Costa Rica	Panama	United Arab Emirates
Côte d'Ivoire	Papua New Guinea	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Croatia	Paraguay	United Republic of Tanzania
Cuba	Peru	United States of America
Cyprus	Philippines	Uruguay
Czech Republic	Poland	Vanuatu
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Portugal	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Democratic Republic of the Congo*	Qatar	Viet Nam
Denmark	Republic of Korea	Yemen
Djibouti	Republic of Moldova	Zambia
Dominica	Romania	Zimbabwe
Dominican Republic	Russian Federation	
Ecuador	Saint Kitts and Nevis	
	Saint Lucia	

# Example of Declaration

## CONTAINER WEIGHT DECLARATION CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY

The consignor or a person who offers a container for transport by road must prepare a container weight declaration and give a copy to the road transporter or driver before the commencement of the container's road journey.

I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ declare the following information to be true and correct.

Container Number: \_\_\_\_\_ 20GP / 40GP / 40HC FCL

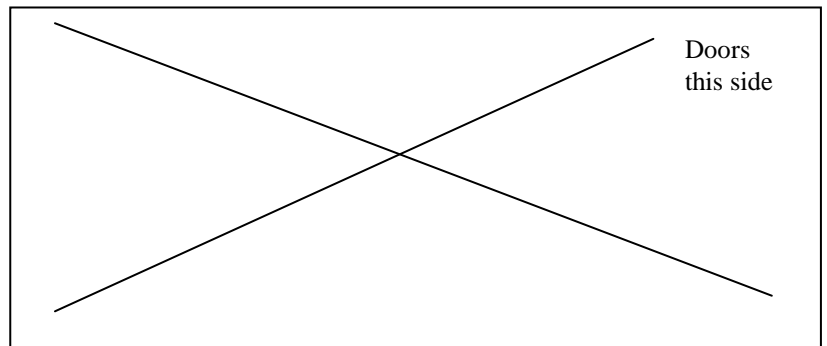
Container Contents: \_\_\_\_\_

Container Tare: \_\_\_\_\_ kgs

Cargo Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ kgs

Gross Container Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ kgs

Indicate if uneven Load Distribution:  
(Mark X for Centre of Mass)



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Signed

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Date