

**MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 43 of 2016**

**(New Shipping Requirement)**

**Guidelines on the Verification of Gross Mass of a Container  
with Cargo Packed in Hong Kong**

The amendment to SOLAS Chapter VI, Regulation 2 will be in force in Hong Kong on 1 July 2016. The amendment requires mandatory verification of the gross mass (VGM) of containers prior to loading onto vessels to which SOLAS Chapter VI applies. The Marine Department has updated its website with information relevant to the VGM requirements. Additionally, making reference to the concerned guidance of IMO, a “Guideline on the Verification of Gross Mass of a Container with Cargo Packed in Hong Kong” has been published to provide guidance to operators in the industry to comply with the new requirement.

The guideline and the associated information are available in the website of Marine Department at the address below. Operators in relation to shipping and forwarding industries are recommended to browse the webpage and take necessary actions accordingly.

- [http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub\\_services/ocean/miss\\_vgm.html](http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/ocean/miss_vgm.html)

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