Notice of VGM Submission

In order to comply with New SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) regulation, VGM (Verified Gross Mass) shall be declared for all export containers before laden on-board on/after July 1st, 2016. TIFFA would like to recommend VGM submission as follows.

Purpose of VGM declaration:

In order to prevent the safety of life at sea or any accidents to the vessel which may caused by incorrect declaration of the weight of container, IMO has announced that all Shippers must declare Verified Gross Mass (VGM) to the Master or his representative or terminal operator in order to make proper ship stowage plan before container being laden on board.

VGM is the sum of Cargo/Packing/Lashing/Dunnage Weight + Container Tare Weight.

VGM is not impact to your declaration of the Gross Weight of your cargoes in the Bill of Lading or Packing list.

Shipper is the responsible party who shall make such declaration.

Effective Date is from July 1, 2016 onwards.

Method of Determining VGM:

Method 1) Weighing a whole packed/sealed container

In case container is on chassis with prime mover when you weigh the weight of prime mover and chassis shall be deducted, the remained weight will become VGM.

Method 2) Weighing cargo (incl. packing) and lashing/dunnage material in the container, then adding tare weight of the container

Flow of VGM Submission in Thailand (from July 2016) onwards:





What Customer should do:

FCL Shipment (both Methods)

FROM 1ST JULY to 31st August, 2016

- A) Please mention <u>accurate VGM & other information on Goods Control List</u>
 (Bai Kam Kab Tu) and submit it to a terminal directly when a packed/sealed container enters the terminal (Preparing 2 sets of Goods Control List is recommended), mentioned as follows:
 - Booking Number......
- VGM Weight......

This recommendation is based on the latest meeting between BSAA, Software house, Customs House and AEO on June 27, 2016

B) Please provide Freight Forwarder with <u>accurate VGM & other information</u> <u>by Shipping Instruction (S/I) or Excel Form at your option</u> before the container arrives at the gate of terminal and before VGM cut-off time informed by CS staff of Freight Forwarder.

S/I shall contain:

- Booking No.
- Container Number
- VGM Weight
- Name of Authorized person (in Capital Letter)

LCL Shipment

Common Consolidator will not weigh your cargoes at CFS. They will sum up the gross weight provided by each customer to make VGM. Your accurate gross weight must be shown in S/I.

Required Gross Weight on S/I for LCL

- Booking No.
- Actual Shipper
- Vessel & Voyage No.
- Destination
- Gross Weight
- Name of Declarant (in Capital Letter)

Remarks:

In case of FCL:

If VGM information is not submitted to terminals/shipping lines before container gate-in, the terminals/shipping lines shall reject such container according to Terminal Operator as of present information. After 1st

September, the online message of VGM in Goods Control List will be automatically dispatched to the relevant agencies and VGM will also appear in Goods Control List paper.

In normal case, it is not required to re-submit VGM when the weight of VGM and weight at scale is different, unless it is a huge difference and Terminal Operator or Shipping Line wish to re-verify. However, different in weight +/-5% Customs Officer may instruct to scan container.

In case of LCL:

Misdeclaration of Gross Weight may create incorrect VGM and may lead to the refusal of Terminal Operator / Shipping line to Gate-In or laden container on board. Customer who makes incorrect declaration will be the party who is responsible for overall expenses incurred to make re-consolidation and claim from other shippers in the same container.

Making a booking with Freight Forwarder, you are requested to send only S/I to Freight Forwarder in manual or excel file format at your option.