



Customer Advisory

Dear Customers and Business Partners,

Subject: Directive on Determination and Notification on Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of Laden Containers to be Transported by Sea

DIRECTIVE PROVISION:

In accordance with the directive titled “Determination and Notification on Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of Laden Containers to be Transported by Sea”, which came into force on 01/06/2016;

It is mandatory to determine, verify, and report the VGM of laden containers in order to ensure safety in maritime transportation.

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES:

1. Shipper or Its Representative:

- Verify the container’s VGM using one of the methods specified in the Directive.
- Accurately and promptly transmit the VGM (Verified Gross Mass) information to the VGM Information System.
- Ensure that the declared weight does not differ from the actual weight by more than 5%.

2. Port Facility:

- For containers without VGM information, generate VGM data and invoice the service fee to the shipper (Article 17)
- If the difference between declared and actual weight exceeds 5%, issue the final VGM information and notify the administrative authorities (Article 7).

3. Carrier (Vessel Operator):

- Do not load containers onto the vessel without VGM information.
- Check VGM data and prepare the loading plan.

4. Administrative Authorities:

- Conduct inspections and apply sanctions in cases of non-compliance with the Directive.

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Incorrect or incomplete notifications may cause operational delays and administrative sanctions.

- Loading without VGM information is strictly prohibited.

To avoid disruptions in your operational flow and to fulfil your legal obligations, we kindly remind you to submit the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) information for all laden containers to the VGM Information System accurately and in a timely manner.

We kindly request this matter be communicated to all your members and relevant parties.

Best Regards,

Mersin International Port

