



## VERIFIED GROSS MASS (VGM)

From 1st July 2016, new amendment of Solas will require the Shippers to provide VGM in a "shipping document" to prove the weight of a container (flat included).

This new regulation has been established by IMO (International Maritime Organization) to increase maritime safety.

The Verified Gross Mass is the weight of the cargo including tare of the container carrying this cargo.

The shipper is obliged to verify the gross mass of the containers carrying their cargo by two weighing methods before these containers can be loaded on a vessel:

- **method 1:** weighing the container after it has been packed is required or
- **method 2:** weighing all packages of the cargo and adding these weights to the container's tare weight as indicated into the door of the container/flat is required.

Shippers, under their responsibility, will be obliged to deliver such "declaration", filled in under their liability, to shipping line, in order to permit the shipment of each container (including flat).

The container will not be loaded on board the vessel if the **VGM** declaration is not consigned in time to shipping line by the shipper.

