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Dear Valued Clients,

RE: SOLAS Requirements – Container Weight Verification from 1st July 2016

In January 2015, the World Shipping Council made certain amendments to the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) with respect to container weight declarations.

The SOLAS Convention now requires all shippers to provide a Verified Gross Mass (VGM) for all export containers prior to delivery to the terminal which affects containers being shipped from any origin around the globe. In respect to containers being exported from Australia we must ensure the new regulations are known and being adhered to.

A publication by the World Shipping Council is attached for your reference; the summary of changes is set out below:

- all containers must be accurately weighed and that information be provided as the accurate record of gross weight
 - **Method 1:** Weighing the container after it has been packed
 - **Method 2:** Weighing all of the cargo and contents of the container and adding those weights to the container's tare weight
- in either case, a shipper must provide a signed verified weight declaration for every container to be shipped and this weight will be relied upon by all parties

Importantly, the regulations state that A carrier may rely on a shipper's signed weight verification to be accurate. The carrier does not need to be a "verifier" of the shipper's weight verification.

As such, the shipper must ensure that all container weights are verified per Method 1 or Method 2 under the amended requirements, should any of your export clients not be in a position to comply, this must be noted to Hellas Europe clearly at the time the job is provided to us so we may include additional required cartage and weighbridge charges for tare and full container weights. The information generated from weighbridge tickets will then be supplied to you for subsequent provision of a declaration to the required parties in accordance with SOLAS.

Any container requiring a certified weight using Method 1 will be subject to an additional charge of which includes the additional cartage to the public weighbridge and weighbridge ticket.

Please note: DLF Global logistics Pty Ltd will in all instances, still require a Container Weight Declaration (CWD) before transporting containers. Hence, in the event where a container weight cannot be accurately verified by the shipper before transport under Method 1 or Method 2 above, the shipper must provide a CWD they believe to be correct for the purposes of road transport.

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