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VERIFIED GROSS MASS (VGM)

Containers Verified Gross Mass

A mandatory transmission from July, 1st 2016



What is it ?

The compulsory verification of containers gross mass before access to port terminals



Who should provide it?

The shipper



Who should it be provided to?

To Bansard International. We will then forward the information to the shipping company, its representative /a port terminal representative.



Which containers?

standard, tank, flat rack & bulk. Ro-Ro's, containers on truck chassis and trailers are not included.

Measuring the VGM : 2 official methods.

Method 1

Weighing of the loaded container (upon the conclusion of packing and sealing) over a weighbridge followed by the subtraction of the truck, chassis and fuel weight.

Method 2

Weighing of each cargo item to be packed in the container, packing material used (quantity x unit mass), packaging material used (quantity x unit mass), securing material used (quantity x unit x unit mass), and dunnage used (quantity x unit mass), tare mass of the container. The VGM is obtained by summing up all individual weight figures.

NB: Whatever the method used, the weighing scale must have been approved upstream by the local authorities.

- **Method 1** error margin the one accepted by the weighing instruments
- **Method 2** error margin +/-5% and +/-0.5 ton between the verified gross mass declared by the shipper and the verified gross mass obtained by authorities, carrier or terminal - only for container's gross mass above 10 tons and 10 tons or below respectively.
- Carriers and terminals are not required to verify the verified gross mass
- The verified gross mass figure obtained by weighing equipment in terminal shall prevail if it is different from the verified figure obtained before the container reaches the terminal. The same applies with the VGM obtained by local authorities.
- **In case of non-compliance with the weight, the container will not be loaded on to the ship.**

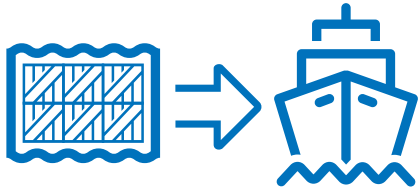




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How to forward the VGM to Bansard International ?

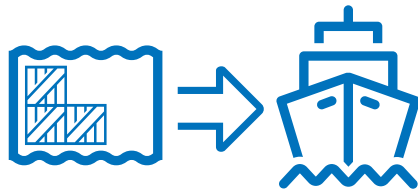


FCL EXPORT

Send the attached VGM declaration form

to? your usual BANSARD contact person!

when? as soon as possible, not later than 24H prior to the arrival at landing port.



LCL EXPORT

No change

The **exact gross mass** (including packaged goods, conditioning, etc.) must be indicated in the shipping documents.

«NO VGM, NO LOADING»

in some cases, access to terminal can even be denied.

You will be responsible for the additional costs resulting from this access denial

Can't provide your containers VGM's ?

We can help !

If you are unable to provide your VGM to us, we offer VGM weighing solutions before arrival to landing port.

Extra costs will be incurred per container/consolidation.

Please note that goods need to be delivered in time in order for us to do all the administrative procedures in due course.

What about import ?

Tell your suppliers !

Do not forget to talk about the new VGM mandatory transmission with your suppliers and remember that if the VGM (Verified Gross Mass) is inaccurate or not given in due time, your container will not be loaded !

