



## Circular

### **Verified Gross Mass Of Container Carrying Cargo (VGM)**

All Shipping Lines, Agents and Port Users

To ensure the safety of the ships, cargo and overall safety at sea, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted amendments to the SOLAS convention which requires all containers gross mass to be verified prior stowage onboard the ships.

Effective 1st July 2016, Regulation will prohibit the loading of packed container in the absence of VGM.

In line with our commitment to improve safety, DP World, under approval from FTA will be the authorized provider of VGM at its operated terminals in the UAE.

DP World will provide a weighing system which will be integrated with the terminal operating system and the VGM will be available to the shipping line and shipper on Dubai Trade [www.dubaitrade.ae](http://www.dubaitrade.ae).

All vessel operational documents i.e. Discharge / Load lists and the bay plan will need to have the VGM. However the customer must continue provide the declared weight as per existing process.

The charge for providing the VGM will be as per tariff item 509 and will be collected at the time of Token Generation.

Should you require any further clarification, please feel free to contact **DP World Customer Care Department:**

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