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Implementation of SOLAS Amendments – Verified Gross Mass

Amendments to Chapter VI, part A, Regulations 2, of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) for Verification of Gross Mass of packed containers entered into force on the 01 July 2016. The aforesaid amendments require that all packed containers' gross mass are verified prior to stowage on board ships.

The Shipping Division of the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping has had consultations with all stakeholders for the implementation of the new SOLAS requirements and measures for compliance are now in place.

The Merchant Shipping (Weight Verification of Containers) Regulations 2018 has been gazetted in the Government Notice No. 113 of 2018 and entered into force on the 01 October 2018. All parties are instructed to fully comply with all provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Weight Verification of Containers) Regulations 2018.

A copy of the Merchant Shipping (Weight Verification of Containers) Regulations 2018 can be downloaded from the website of this Ministry and is accessible on the link provided hereunder:

[http://oceanconomy.govmu.org/English/Documents/Merchant%20Shipping%20\(Weight%20Verification%20of%20Containers\)%20Regulations%202018.pdf](http://oceanconomy.govmu.org/English/Documents/Merchant%20Shipping%20(Weight%20Verification%20of%20Containers)%20Regulations%202018.pdf)

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