

SOLAS – Weight Controls for Ocean Freight

As of 1 July 2016, SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) the new regulations regarding accurate weighing of all ocean freight shipments, will become effective. For you as shipper this means that new requirements to weighing all containers before delivery for shipment will be introduced.

In order to determine the container VGM (Verified Gross Mass) two weighing methods will be introduced.

[CLICK HERE to see the fact sheet \(in Danish\) on the verification of weighing containers \(VGM\)](#)

1. Weighting of fully loaded truck with container, minus the weight of truck, chassis, and fuel
[CLICK HERE to see fact sheet from the Danish Maritime Authority regarding method 1 \(in Danish\)](#)

Individual weighing of all cargo and cargo equipment, plus the weight of the empty container

[CLICK HERE to see fact sheet from the Danish Maritime Authority regarding method 2 \(in Danish\)](#)

In order to remedy the expected shortage of certified scales, the Danish Maritime Authority states that there will be a transition period of 1 year until further notice, when by using method 1 is it admitted to use measuring equipment with an accuracy of +/- 1000 kg.

If LEMAN is to conduct a certified weighing of your shipments according to weighing method 1, an extra charge will added in order to cover the extra handling:

- LCL DKK 25.00 per pallet, max DKK 75.00 per shipping
- LCL to Greenland DKK 25.00 per shipment
- FCL via Aarhus DKK 175.00 per container
- FCL via Aalborg DKK 150.00 per container
- FCL via Fredericia DKK 0.00
- FCL via CMP CPH DKK 275.00 per container
- FCL via foreign ports DKK 425.00 per container (covers weighing and extra stops)

When using weighing method 2 no extra charge will be added, if correct VGM has been reported to LEMAN prior to departure from your facility.

The above charges are calculated based on the expected prices. The final charge will be based on the handling of each consignment. Prices may be adjusted if changes beyond our control occur. Please notice "NO VGM - NO LOAD" policy, which means that the shipping line can single-handedly decide to check weighing and subsequently not to load the container, if the correct VGM has not been reported before shipment.

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