

# SOLAS Verified Gross Mass (VGM): International Vendor Shipment Instructions

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Dear Trading Partners,

In compliance with the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) amendment to the International Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) legislation that will come into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016; Burlington requires ALL suppliers from ALL ports to submit relevant Verified Gross Mass (VGM) information for each shipment to each of our nominated international freight forwarders.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, all ocean carriers and terminal operators will go live with a strict 'No VGM. No Load' policy. If our freight forwarders have not received your VGM data before the cutoff, the container cannot be delivered to the port.

The required VGM information includes;

1. VGM Method (1 or 2)
2. Container Tare Weight
3. Total Gross (Cargo) Weight
4. VGM Weight
5. VGM Approve Date
6. VGM Determination Date
7. VGM Signature

Burlington has two nominated freight forwarders, each with their own VGM data collection and management approach. Please note the differences in requirements below:

## **Shenzhen & Hong Kong Shipments ONLY | Forwarder: Century Distribution Systems**

1. Login to Century's VMS: [www.kltlvms.com](http://www.kltlvms.com)
2. Enter Shipping Instructions & VGM data online.
3. For detailed instructions, please follow this link;  
[ftp://VMSftp:28622483@218.255.133.43/VGMUserGuide/Vendor User Guides.zip](ftp://VMSftp:28622483@218.255.133.43/VGMUserGuide/Vendor%20User%20Guides.zip)

## **All other origins | Forwarder: MOL Consolidation Services (MCS)**

1. Fill in VGM excel document, instructions available via link:  
<https://www.molconsolidation.com/NewStarlinkDocs/SOLAS%20Container%20Weight%20Verification%20Handbook%2020160516.pdf>
2. Submit VGM document to MCS origin team members that are handling the booking.

\*\* The VGM cutoff times will vary by ocean carrier and forwarder. The forwarders will send you clear VGM instructions upon receipt of your booking in order to be in compliance.