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Dear Valued Customers,

Re: International Maritime Organization (IMO) / Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS),
Container Weight Verification Rules will be Effective from 1 July 2016

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous supports .

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has amended the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS), requiring shippers to provide verified gross weight (VGM) of a packed container to ocean carrier and port terminal representative prior to it being loaded onto a ship. A verified container weight is a condition for loading a packed container aboard a vessel for export. This requirement will become legally effective on July 1, 2016, after which it would be a violation of SOLAS to load a packed container onto a vessel if the vessel operator and marine terminal operator do not have a verified container weight.

The SOLAS amendments provide two methods shippers may use to determine the container weight once the container packing process has taken place. This requirement will apply globally. Shippers, freight forwarders, vessel operators, and terminal operators will all need to establish policies and procedures to ensure the implementation of this regulatory change.

Method 1 upon the conclusion of packing and sealing a container, the shipper may weigh, or have arranged that a third party weigh, the packed container

Method 2 the shipper (or, by arrangement of the shipper, a third party) may weigh all packages and cargo items, including the mass of pallets, dunnage and other packing and securing material to be packed in the container, and add the tare mass of the container to the sum of the single masses of the container's contents. (Estimating the weight of a container's contents is not permitted.)

Under either Method 1 or Method 2, the weighing equipment used must meet the accuracy standards of the country where the equipment is used. Also under either method, the declaration of the verified weight must be signed and dated by the shipper or by its duly authorized representative and to provide to the carrier via either electronic interchange channels or a physical shipping document.

Your understanding to the above and cooperation will be highly appreciated.

For more details and FAQ, please refer to below information:

<http://www.worldshipping.org/industry-issues/safety/cargo-weight>

http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/ocean/miss_vgm.html

If any enquiry, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely

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