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### **SOLAS VGM Compliance**

***The new IMO Requirement to certify VGM (Verified Gross Mass) went into effect on July 1, 2016.***

A new solution includes a plug-in that connects directly from a NetSuite Cloud ERP to a Logistics Cloud and record the VGM submissions to the carrier.

The exporter named on the ocean bill of lading will be required to submit a VGM Weight Verification of each container to their ocean carrier and terminal operator. The VGM Weight Verification will be required prior to loading the shipping container onto the ocean carrier's vessel.

The main purpose of the VGM (Verified Gross Mass) regulation is to obtain an accurate gross weight of packed ocean freight containers so that cargo ship and terminal operators can put together vessel loading and stowage plans prior to loading shipping containers on ships.

#### REFERENCES:

- SOLAS

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