



## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) – ONE-PAGE SUMMARY

### SOLAS Verified Gross Mass (VGM)

#### IBEX Sea Shipping

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#### 1. Purpose

To ensure compliance with **Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention, Chapter VI, Regulation 2**.by defining requirements for determining and submitting **Verified Gross Mass (VGM)** for all export containers handled by IBEX Sea Shipping.

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#### 2. Scope

This procedure applies to all shippers, logistics partners, and operations personnel involved in containerized cargo shipped under IBEX Sea Shipping.

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#### 3. Definition

##### **Verified Gross Mass (VGM):**

The total weight of a packed container, including cargo, packaging, dunnage, securing materials, and container tare weight.

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#### 4. Responsibility

The **shipper named on the Bill of Lading** is solely responsible for:

- Accurate determination of VGM
- Compliance with approved weighing methods
- Timely submission of VGM before vessel cut-off

IBEX Sea Shipping will not load containers without a valid VGM.

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#### 5. Approved VGM Determination Methods

##### **Method 1 – Weighing Packed Container**

The packed and sealed container is weighed using an approved internal or third-party weighbridge.

##### **Method 2 – Cargo + Dunnage + Container Tare**

All cargo, packaging, and dunnage are weighed individually and combined with the container tare weight using a **certified process**.

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## 6. VGM Submission Requirements

- VGM must be submitted **prior to vessel cut-off time**
- Must be declared and signed by an authorized person
- Submitted via approved IBEX Sea Shipping communication channels

Late, missing, or incorrect VGM may result in shipment delay, rejection, or additional costs.

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## 7. Non-Compliance

Containers without a valid VGM:

- Will **not be loaded** onto the vessel
  - Remain the shipper's responsibility
  - May incur storage, re-handling, or delay charges
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## 8. Key Compliance Statement

**NO VGM – NO LOAD**

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