## Verified Gross Mass (VGM) for FRANCE

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has amended the SOLAS (safety of Life at Sea) convention which mandates the declaration of the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) with effective on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016. Based on this regulation without VGM provided by shipper we will not load containers.

As a general guidance, the VGM should be received before container be loaded on the vessel. However, given the specific requirements implemented by each port and/or terminal, the cut-off for a VGM may vary. We will provide the VGM cut-off via the booking confirmation. Respectively we strong recommend your esteem company to insert the VGM before container gate in.

You can use different channels to provide the VGM details to us as below:

## 1.Platform AP+

2.Shipmentlink -- Evergreen line's on line portal will allow you to insert and submit the VGM details

In case you would like to know more details about the new regulation, please refer to the following websites :

## http://www.evergreen-line.com

http://www.shipmentlink.com

**3.**EDI -- You can submit VGM via existing EDI channels. Thank you to contact our CPU curci@evergreen-shipping.com.fr

4.Standard e.mail template -- You can download our standard excel template at <u>www.shipmentlink.com</u>, fill in the form with required information and send it to our dedicated e.mail address: <u>vgmexcel@mail.evergreen-line.com</u>

5 . Manual methods of submission (Email and fax) are acceptable but not encouraged. When a VGM is submitted manually, the responsible party, authorized person name, signature, method used (1 or 2) are required in addition to the information of booking number, container number and VGM info. We will charge some administration fee to request carrier's assistance for providing service. (tariff will be announced soon)

In case of no VGM details are made available timely to us , **we will not be allowed to load the unit**. Evergreen cannot be held responsible if a packed container, without VGM, enters into a terminal. All costs resulting lie with the shipper.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. In case of any questions, please contact your Evergreen sales representative or contact our local Customer Service Department.

**Best Regards** 

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