

Simplify the Jargon - What is SOLAS & VGM?

SOLAS is the International Convention for the **Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS)** it is an international maritime treaty which sets minimum safety standards in the construction, equipment and operation of merchant ships.



Who is responsible?

The shipper is responsible for providing the VGM to the carrier in reasonable time prior to vessel loading and/or full gate in at the sea port terminal.

What is VGM?

VGM is the Verified Gross Mass. Verified gross mass is the total weight of a shipping container.

What are the methods to calculate the VGM Weight?

Method 1 Requires weighing the container after it has been packed.

Method 2 Requires weighing all the cargo and contents of the container and adding those weights to the container's tare weight as indicated on the door ends of the container.

Is the process easy?

Yes, it is easy to declare VGM, FSC Oceans are able to provide support and guidance to complete your VGM declaration for you.