9 Busan Port Terminals (HKT, DPCT, BIT, KBCT, PNIT, PNC, HJNC, HPNT, BNCT) are trying to distribute the implementation guidelines for sincerely enacting the VGM regulation announced by MOF (2016-33, 2016.06.30) to ensure the verified gross mass of a packed container and provide the information in accordance with SOLAS VI Regulation 2 and 「Ship Safety Act」 Article 36. We are cordially asking shipping lines and shippers to cooperate to implement this new regulation.

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1. **(Enactment Date and Subject of Application)**

   VGM (Verified Gross Mass of Container)) regulation will be applied for export containers loaded onto ships that will berth as of 2016. 7. 2 00 (In terms of vessels sailing short distance, this regulation is applied on containers to berth after 2016.7.1 00). This regulation will not be applied to the containers carried on a chassis or a trailer when such containers are driven on or off a ro-ro ship on an international voyage

2. **(Method and Time to provide VGM)**

   Shipping lines are asked to include VGM information obtained from shippers in CLL to provide with terminals and to transmit VGM information through EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) for exact and stable data processing to terminal.

   In terms of time to provide information, VGM information should be provided with terminals 24 hours before a ship onto which containers are to be loaded enters port for
Captain and terminals to take advantage of stowage planning. In case of vessels sailing short distance, the VGM information could be provided before vessels arrive but shipping line is required to cooperate to send VGM information 12 hours before vessels arrive.

3. *(Reference before Containers’ arrival)*

Shippers and truckers are not under any restriction regarding VGM information while containers are in the process of being delivered to terminals, but please be aware that Busan port container terminals not equipped with weighbridges to verify the gross mass of containers are not able to implement VGM. Especially, in accordance with Clause ①, Article 8 (Authority of Captain) of 「VGM regulation」, in case that VGM exceeds the allowable range of error or the information is not provided, captain has a right to refuse to load the containers onto the ship until the correct VGM is delivered. In this case, please be noted that readjustment of containers and information alternation are possible to occur in terminals. Detailed guidelines on how to verify the gross mass ofcontainers, time and method to provide VGM, and range of error can be found in 「VGM regulation」 announced by Government.

Thank you