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Verified Gross Mass Requirements - Reminder

Dear Valued Customers,

Neptune Pacific Direct Line wishes to advise customers that The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) is currently conducting compliance sampling of containers to verify that the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) requirements of Marine Order 42 (Carriage, stowage and securing of cargoes and containers) 2016 ('MO42') are being met.

The cargo information shall include:

1. In the case of general cargo, and of cargo carried in cargo units, a general description of the cargo, the gross mass of the cargo or of the cargo units, and any relevant special properties of the cargo.
2. In the case of solid bulk cargo, information as required by section 4 of the IMSBC Code.

The MO42 requires shippers to ensure that the actual gross mass of each container is in accordance with the gross mass declared in the cargo information supplied to the master of the vessel. Further, the legislation specifies two acceptable methods by which the gross mass of a container shall be verified by the shipper:

1. Weighing the packed container using calibrated and certified equipment; or
2. Weighing all packages and cargo items (including the mass of pallets, dunnage and other securing material to be packed in the container) and adding the tare mass of the container to the sum of the single masses.

Both weighing methods require the use of calibrated and certified equipment complying with section 10(3) of MO42. All shippers are to be aware of the following:

1. Which method of verification/weighing was used for their containers.
2. Evidence that the equipment in use is certified and calibrated as required.
3. Confirmation of meeting requirements of relevant legislation.

If you require further information please visit the [AMSA website](https://www.amsa.gov.au).

Thank you for your continued support, should you have any further questions or queries please contact your NPD representative.

Sincerely,
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