



**SOLAS – VERIFIED GROSS MASS**



## Kuehne + Nagel Less-than-Container Loads: SOLAS VGM process

From July 1st, 2016, SOLAS Convention's VGM requirements stipulates that it is the responsibility of the shipper to provide the VGM (Verified Gross Mass) of every container.

Therefore, when Kuehne + Nagel is assembling LCL shipments into containers for tendering as full container loads (FCL) to the shipping line, it is Kuehne + Nagel's responsibility to submit the VGM to the carrier.

The purpose of SOLAS and the VGM requirements are to ensure the safe handling of goods and containers. This minimises the risk of accidents and damage, and helps to protect people, assets and cargo.



### How it works

Regarding LCL shipments, Kuehne + Nagel requires Shippers to:

- Provide accurate gross weight of the packages\* described in booking request, shipping instructions or other hardcopy/ electronic information
- Ensure that the gross weight of each package\* is clearly and permanently marked on the packages before the cargo arrives at the container freight station (CFS). If packages are not clearly marked, Kuehne + Nagel reserves the right to weigh the packages and charge to the account of the shipper/consignee

If the Shipper is unable to determine the accurate gross weight of the packages\* and/or is unable to mark the packages appropriately, Kuehne + Nagel can provide this service at a cost to be determined prior to cargo booking or cargo delivery to the CFS.

### VGM Fee

The additional procedures relating to the implementation of SOLAS VGM require Kuehne + Nagel to apply a VGM Fee of \$ 12.75 USD per LCL shipment.

### VGM NOTES

\* Definition of package: one or more cargo items that are tied together, packed, wrapped, boxed or parcelled for transportation.

Kuehne + Nagel reserves the right to change the VGM Fee without further notice.

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