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SOLAS CONTAINER WEIGHT REQUIREMENT UPDATE

Our newsletter dated September 10, 2015 announced an upcoming regulation from the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) that will become effective July 1, 2016 regarding the weight declaration for full container load shipments. The December update has been issued by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) with clarification regarding the methods of obtaining the gross weight for full container shipments. A partial summary of the update is as follows:

The rules outline two methods by which the shipper may obtain the verified gross mass of a packed container:

- *Method 1: upon the conclusion of packing and sealing a container, the shipper may weigh, or have arranged that a third party weigh, the packed container.*
- *Method 2 : the shipper or, by arrangement of the shipper, a third party may weigh all packages and cargo items, including the mass of pallets, dunnage and other packing and securing material to be packed in the container and add the tare mass of the container to the sum of the single masses of the container's contents.*

You can find additional information and frequently asked questions (FAQ) at their website: <http://www.worldshipping.org/industry-issues/safety/cargo-weight>. We will continue to update you on this subject as soon as new information arrives.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact Marc Mugfor at mmugfor@ufoldt.com.

All of us at UFO wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

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