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SOLAS UPDATE

UFO continues to receive updates regarding the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) verified gross mass requirements scheduled to become effective July 1, 2016. Many U.S. exporters have concerns about the upcoming enforcement of this new regulation and are asking the Coast Guard to delay implementation. It appears now that the regulation will not be delayed. The shipper will be responsible for providing the gross mass of the container to UFO who in turn will report the information to the steamship line.

We will continue to keep you updated on more specific details as they become available.

SAUDI ARABIA – CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY

A Certificate of Conformity (CoC) may be required for customs clearance at destination in Saudi Arabia and could require pre-inspection by a third party organization such as SGS or Intertek prior to exporting from the USA.

(Intertek website: <http://www.intertek.com/government/product-conformity/exports/saudi-arabia>).

While a CoC on the shippers' company letterhead has been acceptable in the past, Saudi customs recently has been requiring the certificate to be issued by a third party inspection firm for some commodities. Please check with your consignee in Saudi Arabia prior to shipping. This will prevent any possible delays, storage or demurrage charges at port.

Please contact Marc Mugfor (mmugfor@ufold.com) with any questions or concerns on the above information.

Thank you for your continued support!

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