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SOLAS VI Regulation 2 Amendment: Verification of the Gross Mass of Packed Containers – Transshipment Containers

TO MASTERS OF ALL SHIPS IN SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS, SHIP OPERATORS, OWNERS, MANAGERS AND SHIP'S AGENTS, FREIGHT FORWARDERS, SHIPPERS, HAULIERS, CARGO PACKERS, PORT AUTHORITIES, TERMINAL OPERATORS, STEVEDORE COMPANIES AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

Summary

This marine notice reminds the maritime industry that the relaxation for omitting the verified gross mass of transshipment containers ends on 30/09/2016.

In June 2016, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) made the following allowance with respect to transshipment containers:

“For a period of three consecutive months after the 1st July 2016 i.e. up to and including 30th September 2016, containers loaded prior to 1st July 2016 and then transshipped on or after 1st July 2016 may be shipped to their final load port of discharge without the verified gross mass specified in SOLAS Regulations VI/2.4 to VI/2.6.”

As of 1st October 2016 it will be necessary for all transshipment containers to be provided with a verified gross mass prior to being loaded onboard a vessel.

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