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Subject : Verified Gross Mass (VGM) Applications – Update

Ref : (a) Announcement MIP.0101-732-6/1461 dated 03.06.2016
(b) Announcement MIP.0101-732-11/1641 dated 28.06.2016
(c) Announcement MIP.0101-732-13/1933 dated 10.08.2016
(d) Announcement published by Ministry Of Transportation, Maritime and Communication, dated 09.09.2016, "Regulations regarding the Determination and Declaration of Verified Gross Mass of Laden Containers transported by sea"

Demand of the customers along with the announcement referred in (d) have been reviewed within the context of VGM framework and a new application regarding the containers that are subject to be loaded on board a vessel, will be applicable as of the 15th of November 2016

Principles

- **This announcement hereby replaces with all former announcements referred to above, on the day it is announced.**
- **VGM Declaration is to be submitted by the shipping lines or container agents through our Terminal Operation System before the containers gate in to the terminal.**
- **In the case of gate in without VGM declaration, containers will be loaded on board the vessel using the VGM data produced by MIP. VGM data will be transmitted to the containers' respective shipping line and/or agent.**
- **In the case of gate in with VGM Declaration, VGM may be updated by containers' respective shipping line or agent until the final loading list transmitted to the terminal.**
- **In the case of a discrepancy between the VGM declared by the shipping line/agent and the VGM generated by the terminal (VGM tolerance control service) within the scope of referenced regulation tolerance limits, VGM data generated by MIP is to replace the declared VGM and is to be charged accordingly.**
- **MIP is to generate VGM data for the containers that are stuffed in the terminal premises.**
- **Charges related to the VGM service for the specified containers will be issued to the shipper or duly authorized representatives of the shipper.**

Definitions

- **Shipper:** Defined as referenced in ref (d); “The party shown as shipper in the Bill of Lading, Sea Waybill or multimodal transportation documents, or the authorized party who has the wright to act on behalf of the shipper in the shipping documents”.
- **VGM Declaration:** VGM data is to be submitted by the shipping lines /agents through the Terminal Operation System before gate in of containers (For Gate-In Demands). For transshipment containers, VGM data shall be submitted through discharge or loading lists.
- **VGM Tolerance Control Service:** Covers weighing of containers before being offloaded to yard stack during gate-in process, checking the containers’ declared VGM against the tolerance limits within the scope of referenced (d) regulation and notifying the respective parties in case of discrepancies.
- **VGM Data Provision Service:** Covers services for generating VGM data and making it available to the related parties if the shipping line and/or duly authorized representatives fail to submit “VGM Declaration” or if the containers’ weight is out of the tolerance limits when checked against the declared VGM.

Application:

- Trucks that deliver containers are to be weighed initially during gate in (as loaded) and finally during gate out (as empty).
- Trucks that deliver containers to the port and subsequently receive another container / cargo from the port (as second job) shall only gate out provided that; the weighing cycle related with the delivery container operation is completed at any of the weighing stations located in the terminal.
- Trucks that do not complete the weighing cycle of the delivered container, shall not be allowed to gate out from the terminal or receive other containers/ cargo through the Terminal Operation System.
- MIP is to generate the VGM data for the containers that are stuffed in the terminal premises.

Price List:

Arrival through	VGM Declaration	VGM Tolerance Control Service	VGM Data Provision Service
Truck/Wagon	Yes	5 USD	-
	No	-	25 USD
Vessel	Yes	-	-
	No	-	25 USD
Stuffing	-	-	5 USD

- Prices listed above are per container (VAT is not included).
- Two terminal fees will be applied in addition to the prices listed above, for those containers that arrive to the terminal premises from a vessel without VGM declaration.

Invoicing and Payment:

- All registered shippers and/or authorized representatives may purchase VGM credits at the extend they deem necessary, through the “ARF Maintain / VGM Request” section of “Port Portal System”. (1 VGM Credit = 1 USD)
- Shippers and/or respective representatives shall match their containers with the VGM credits required through the “Container Operations/ VGM Credit” section of “Port Portal” system in order to complete the VGM process. Shippers that hold VGM credits and formerly have agreed to sign up for automatic matching of VGM credits with containers, will be exempt of surcharges that will incur due to late payments.
- **If the payment process (including container matching) fails to be completed before the containers are loaded on board the vessel, the VGM services are to be invoiced to the shipper or respective representatives of the shipper after the departure of the vessel and a surcharge of %50 will be applied.**
- VGM data will be available upon request through our website if the payment process is completed (<http://en.mersinport.com.tr/online-services/detail/Weighing-Report/466/2751/0>) within four calendar days following the vessel departure.

You are kindly requested to circulate this announcement to your members and related parties.

Kind Regards,

Mersin International Port