

CLIENT ADVISORY

SOLAS-VGM PROCEDURES



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With less than two weeks until enforceable SOLAS regulation changes are scheduled to come into effect, it seems Terminal Operators and Ocean Carriers may be tweaking policy.

(OCEMA), a U.S. based association comprised of 19 ocean carriers engaged in international trade, indicated at the close of last week, that they are close to completing revised 'Best Practices' that will fully comply with SOLAS and the U.S. Coast Guards formal interpretation of same.

Where adoptable, these edited processes may eliminate some of the intricacies faced by exporters, and their service providers, by better streamlining VGM conveyance. Vexing to many exporters and transportation companies is that this change in policy has been proposed at the 11th hour, after companies have spent time and money to ensure they are in compliance from July 1st.

The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) recently weighed in on this pressing subject. Their news room release is available on; <https://www.facebook.com/ScanShippingUS/#>

Scan-Shipping are monitoring this evolving situation and will post updates and adjust any processes accordingly. If you have any questions, please contact your local Scan-Shipping representative or ecommerce@scan-shipping.com. For your convenience, updates will be posted on: [SOLAS VGM](#)

To stay well-informed of all SOLAS/VGM news, you may wish to query the following websites and bulletins;

http://www.ocema.org/VGM_SOLAS.html

<http://www.worldshipping.org/industry-issues/safety/cargo-weight>

http://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/009_16_4-28-2016.pdf

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