

海事處佈告 2016 年第 87 號

(船務規定)

2016 年 7 月 1 日或之後國際海運載貨集裝箱

《商船（安全）（運載貨物）規例》（第 369 章，附屬法例 AV）（2016 年修訂版）（下稱“該規例”）將於 2016 年 7 月 1 日生效。該規例第 3A 條已加入《國際海上人命安全公約》第 VI 章第 2 條的最新規定，要求付運人把載貨集裝箱裝上船隻前，必須驗證其總重量並向承運人申報。

國際海事組織(IMO)經考慮成員國的關注事項後，在 2016 年 5 月 23 日發出通函 MSC.1/Circ.1548（隨文夾附），在不影響船隻的穩定性和安全操作的前提下，建議成員在首三個月期間採取可行務實的措施以執行上述規定。海事處顧及業界營運者的相類關注事項和其他國家的實際安排，採納了 IMO 的建議，在 2016 年 7 月 1 日至 9 月 30 日期間將以可行務實的方式執行有關規定。

署理海事處處長童漢明

香港特別行政區政府海事處

2016 年 6 月 24 日

檔號：SD/MISS/117/1(5)

4 ALBERT EMBANKMENT
LONDON SE1 7SR
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7735 7611 Fax: +44 (0)20 7587 3210

MSC.1/Circ.1548
23 May 2016

**ADVICE TO ADMINISTRATIONS, PORT STATE CONTROL AUTHORITIES, COMPANIES,
PORT TERMINALS AND MASTERS REGARDING THE SOLAS REQUIREMENTS
FOR VERIFIED GROSS MASS OF PACKED CONTAINERS**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-sixth session (11 to 20 May 2016), recalled that the amendments to SOLAS regulation VI/2, adopted by resolution MSC.380(94) and which will enter into force on 1 July 2016, introduce new paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 relating to the verification of the gross mass (VGM) of packed containers.

2 In this context, the Committee noted the concerns of Member States regarding practical aspects of compliance with the aforementioned SOLAS amendments, in particular, relating to transhipped containers and communication of VGM information, in an initial period following their entry into force.

3 The Committee agreed that Administrations and port State control authorities should adopt a practical and pragmatic approach when verifying compliance with the requirements of SOLAS regulations VI/2.4 to VI/2.6, for a period of three months after 1 July 2016, with a view to:

- .1 permitting packed containers that are loaded on a ship before 1 July 2016 and are transhipped on or after 1 July 2016 to be shipped to their final port of discharge without the VGM specified in SOLAS regulations VI/2.4 to VI/2.6; and
- .2 providing flexibility to all the stakeholders in containerized transport to refine, if necessary, procedures for documenting, communicating and sharing VGM information.

4 Notwithstanding the above, the Committee emphasized that the stability and safe operation of ships, including the safe packing, handling and transport of containers, is not limited to the provision and use of VGM information and is also covered by a number of SOLAS regulations, including SOLAS regulations VI/2.1, VI/2.2 and VI/2.3, and other IMO instruments, amongst others.

5 Member States are invited to be guided accordingly and to bring the contents of this circular to the attention of all concerned, especially port State control officers.

6 This circular will remain effective until 1 October 2016.