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Subject: **Guidelines for implementing amendments to Regulation 2 of Chapter VI of the SOLAS Convention entering into force with effect from 01st July 2016 concerning Verified Gross Mass of the container.**

This is to inform all concerned that according to the Regulation 2 of Chapter VI of Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention as amended of International Maritime Organization (IMO), the gross mass of the laden containers shall be verified by the shipper and the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) is to be stated in the shipping document. This is mandatory from 01 July 2016. The VGM document must be received by the ship and the Port representative sufficiently in advance of shipment to enable preparation of stowage plan of the ship.

In accordance with the above Convention, guidelines have been prepared by the Department of Shipping vide DG's Order No. 01 of 2016 (attached). All concerned in the transportation of containers are requested to take appropriate measures for effective implementation of the SOLAS amendments as per attached guidelines.

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