

VERIFIED GROSS MASS

AS REQUIRED BY SOLAS AND AMSA MARINE ORDER 42

1. The safety of life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) and Australian Maritime Authority (“AMSA”) Marine order 42 (cargo, stowage and securing) (MO42) require, as a condition for leading a packed container onto a vessel for export, that the Shipper provide a Verified Gross Mass to the Master (or their representative) and to the port terminal, in sufficient time to be used in the preparation of the vessel’s stowage plan.
2. It is a breach of SOLAS and Australian law for a person to load a packed container onto a vessel if the Shipper has not provided a Verified Gross Mass to the master (or their representative)
3. Estimate of weight is not permitted
4. There are two permissible methods for determining the packed container’s Verified Gross Mass:

Method 1: weighing of the container after packing and sealing; or

Method 2: weighing all of the cargo and contents of the container (including all pallets, dunnage and other packing and securing the material to be packed in the container), and adding those weights to the container tare weight.

5. Weighing equipment must meet Australian certification standard, or be approved by AMSA in accordance with MO42.

DECLARATION OF VERIFIED GROSS MASS

In acknowledgement of the above, the Shipper requests and authorises (SPECIFIC FREIGHT PTY LTD) to provide the following information to the Master (or their representative), carrier and port terminal.

Container No:	
Shipper’s Name:	
Shipper’ Address, Email and Telephone:	
Consignee Name:	
VERIFIED GROSS MASS (kgs)	
SOLAS weighing Method Used (please select)*	Method 1
<i>*Refer to Paragraph 5, MSC.1/Circ.1475 and MO42 (See overleaf)</i>	Method 2

The shipper warrants to (SPECIFIC FREIGHT PTY LTD) and the Carrier that the Verified Gross Mass Information, whether in aggregate or any element of it, provided by the Shipper above has been established in accordance with SOLAS and MO42 and checked by the Shipper and that such information and particulars furnished buy or on behalf of the shipper, are accurate, adequate, complete and correct. The Shipper acknowledges and agrees that (SPECIFIC FREIGHT PTY LTD) will rely on the completeness, accuracy and timeliness of the Verified Gross Mass information and use this to comply with its obligations to other parties in accordance with SOLAS and MO42. The Shipper shall be liable for and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless (SPECIFIC FREIGHT PTY LTD), the carrier and any other party, their representative affiliates and their representative directors, officers, employees, subcontractors, servants and agents from all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs and expenses including legal fees, arising out of or in connection with the use of the Verified Gross Mass information.

Shipper’s Duly Authorised Representative: (Please print)	
Signed by or on behalf of Shipper	
Date:	