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Subject: Verified Gross Mass (VGM) Application with respect to SOLAS Requirements

Dear Valued Customers and Port Users;

According to regulations in scope of SOLAS convention, published by June 9th, 2014 and will be applicable by July 1st, 2016 brought a set of responsibilities to the container carriers, Shipping Lines and Agents, as well as terminal operators.

The Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications had released an announcement regarding to this subject and the legal processes started to apply.

Accordingly, any container without “Verified Gross Mass” data (referred as “VGM” hereinafter) will not be loaded on board of the vessel.

MIP has adapted the service processes and completed the necessary investments in terms of infrastructure, superstructure and information technologies. By the date of regulations entering into effect by July 1st2016, in order not to cause any delay or face any problems and aiming to provide continuous services to our exporters, container carrying service providers and agents to prevent any disruption and possible congestion at the gates; the containers without VGM data will be able to gate-in after this date and VGM data can be provided until the final loading list.

Within this scope;

- Containers coming by railway or trucks will be permitted to gate-in, even without VGM data.
- VGM data shall be provided and obtained by the parties via EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) which is already available in gate-in lists or loading lists. Our company is able to operate all EDI communication methods that are specified by SOLAS (VERMAS & CODECO & COARRI, COPARN).
- Shipping Lines and Agents are able to send the VGM data with the abovementioned methods to the port until the final loading list or together with the final loading list.
- After provision of final loading list, our company will review for the VGM data. For containers which the VGM data is not available after final load list has sent MIP will produce the VGM data and provide to the shipping lines and agents. The subject containers be loaded on board of the vessel thereafter.
- MIP will only share the VGM data with the Shipping Lines and Agents. At this point, the shippers shall communicate with the Shipping Lines and Agents.

Application Process and Dates:

- Container carrying haulier truck gate in and gate out will be only from Gate “B”.
- The haulier trucks that bring containers to the port will be weighed at the weighbridges located at exit gates while leaving the port.
- The haulier trucks that bring laden containers to the port can take the second job after being weighed as empty at nominated weighing stations at the port area. The trucks that have not completed the empty weighing process will not be able leave the port or get the second job
- MIP will start to control the VGM data **as of June 2016** for the containers gate-in by truck, railway or discharged from vessel to the port area For the containers stuffed in the port VGM data will be provided as of **June 15th, 2016**.
- The application of below service charges will start by **July 1st, 2016** (for the containers loaded on board of the vessel or stuffed at the port).
- The transshipment containers without VGM data will be loaded on board of the vessel until **October 1st, 2016**. After **October 1st, 2016**, VGM check will be applied to the transshipment containers and incase the absence of the VGM data, MIP will produce the data and afterwards container will be loaded on the vessel.
- For every container that doesn't have the VGM Data at the Final Load List, the VGM will be produced by MIP and container will be loaded on the vessel thereafter.

Below Tariff will be applicable for the containers that are going to be loaded on board of vessel as 1st of July 2016:

Service Name	Price (Per Container) (+ VAT)
VGM Data Control	5 \$
VGM Data Provision Service (For the containers stuffed at MIP service area)	5 \$
VGM Data Provision Service (For the containers loaded to the vessels without stuffing at MIP service area)	20 \$
VGM Data Provision Service (For transshipment containers)	20 \$ + 2 Laden Terminal Charge

Tariff Description and Application Basis:

VGM Data Control Service:

- Covers the VGM control service of the containers coming by railway or highway and informing the Shipping Line or Agent back whether VGM is in place or not prior vessel loading. VGM Data Control Service Fee is applicable for all laden containers gate-in by truck or railway to the port and collected from the Shipping Line or Agent.
- VGM Data Control Service Fee is not applicable to the containers stuffed in the port area.

VGM Data Provision Service:

- Covers the services of producing and sending the VGM data to the Shipping Lines/Agents prior to loading container on board of the vessel (until the final loading list is provided accordingly in case the VGM Date is not provided to MIP. VGM Data Provision Service Fee will be collected from the Shipping Line or Agent in addition to VGM Data Control Service.
- VGM Data Provision Service Fee for the containers stuffed within MIP service area shall be collected from the party that requests for stuffing service.
- For the transshipment containers without the VGM data, 2 laden terminal handling charge is applicable on top of VGM Data Provision Service Fee.

Mersin International Port reserves the rights to amend the tariff.

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

Kind Regards,

Mersin International Port