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## **TIME TO STEP ON THE SCALE**

**Container Weight Verification Requirements are coming**

**Are you ready?**

Starting July 1st, 2016 shippers will be responsible to obtain and document the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of a packed container.

## *Why Me?*

You're not alone, this requirement applies to 174 countries. Both Importers and Exporters will be affected.

## *How?*

Method 1: Weigh container after it's loaded, which includes the weight of the container and it's contents.

Method 2: Weigh all cargo and contents (product, pallets, etc) and add this weight to the tare weight of the container (found on the exterior of the container.)

## *What's the Point?*

To reduce accidents caused by incorrectly declared container weights, thus reducing loss of containers from vessels; which improves the safety of the vessel, equipment and workforce.

## *What Now?*

Contact your PCI Representative to discuss a plan to obtain and document the VGM of your shipments. These regulations are imminent - they will affect any one and everyone who moves containerized ocean freight.



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