



## The SOLAS Verified Gross Mass (VGM) solution

from Locus Software

*The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has amended the SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) convention under regulation 2 of chapter VI which mandates the declaration of the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of a packed container before loading on board vessels within a prescribed cut-off date/time to the shipping line and/or port terminal authorities.*

*Effective 1st July 2016, the regulation prescribes the use one of two approved methods to declare the VGM for each container by the shipper or his representative:*

### Method 1

Real Weight of the container including tare when cargo is packed

### Method 2

Addition of the weights of the whole cargo including packing and the tare weight of the container

### Odyssey VGM:

Locus Software's *Odyssey VGM* solution enables full compliance with VGM requirements. To support all scenarios and to provide maximum flexibility, the solution supports a full range of submission options; VGM information gathered as a separate submission, as part of the booking or shipping instruction or directly from shipping marketplaces/portals such as INTTRA. VGM information is then compiled and shared with Terminals.

### The Solution:

*Odyssey VGM* includes the following key capabilities:

- Multiple entry points for VGM data
  - VERMAS, IFTMBF or IFTMIN EDIFACT messages containing VGM information received directly from shippers, freight forwarders or portals such as INTTRA
  - Manual entry of VGM data through web page (for both registered and non-registered users)
  - Support for mass VGM submission via Excel upload
  - EDI directly from Terminals that provide a weighing service
- Fully supports the VGM submission workflow including VGM submission receipt, acceptance and rejection
- Management and visibility of EDI submissions through an easy to use web user interface.
- All VGM submissions are stored in the Odyssey platform for ongoing management, control and inquiry purposes
- VGM information submitted to terminals via EDI
- Additional options for NVOCCS; receive the VGM submission through any of the above methods, then send the VERMAS message directly to the carrier shipping the container.

### *Odyssey VGM is:*

*A **new** capability from Locus Software delivered as an integrated component of the Odyssey platform.*

***FREE** to all Odyssey customers.*

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