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NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS

Reminder of Verified Gross Mass (VGM) Discrepancy Tolerance and Reweighing Charges

Dear Valued Customer,

In light of the increasing number of containers not complying with the mandatory International Convention of Safety of the Life at Sea (SOLAS), we would like to remind all customers of the requirements related to the **Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of packed containers** and the subsequent obligation of the VGM verification and discrepancy management.
For compliance and enforcement purposes, a **tolerance threshold of 2.5%** is established as the acceptable margin of error when comparing the declared VGM against the actual measured gross mass of a packed container.

Accordingly:

- Where the discrepancy between the declared VGM and the actual measured gross mass is **within 2.5%**, the declared VGM will be considered acceptable. Where the discrepancy **exceeds 2.5%**, a **new weighing must be carried out** before the container can proceed to the discharge of the Yard.
- The costs associated with any reweighing for verification purposes shall be **borne by the Shipping Agent**, in accordance with the applicable VGM guidelines.
- In accordance with the current Port Tariff Book, the applicable **reweighing fee is USD 13.50 per container**, equivalent to the standard weighing charge.

Customers are kindly requested to ensure that the VGM declared in VGM certificate accurately reflects the actual gross mass of the packed container to avoid operational delays, reweighing requirements and additional charges.

We appreciate your cooperation and compliance with these requirements. Should you require any further information, please contact our Customer Service.

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