

DP WORLD READY TO IMPLEMENT INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER WEIGHING RULES ACROSS GLOBAL PORTFOLIO

Aim to help customers and comply with IMO safety requirements

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 21 April 2016:- DP World is prepared for the implementation of the new International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) regulation which comes into effect on 1 July, 2016.

The new regulation mandates that shippers of goods must obtain the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of laden export containers and communicate it to ocean carriers sufficiently in advance of the ship stowage planning.

Ocean carriers and container terminal operators will be legally obliged to ensure that containers without a VGM are not loaded on to a ship in all 162 IMO member states that are required to enforce the new law.

DP World's global terminals will have certified weighing capabilities if this is permitted under the locally adapted implementation of the SOLAS regulation. Comprehensive weighing services will be offered for exporters to determine the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) of each container so that they comply with the new legislation. The objective is to prevent serious accidents at sea where a ship's stability is compromised by wrongly declared cargo weight.

HE Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Group Chairman and CEO, DP World, said: "All our terminals will be ready to meet the obligations under the legislation by 1 July and each one will have certified weighing solutions in place to serve exporters in the IMO member states where we operate. As an enabler of global trade, DP World is offering customers an efficient solution for this new mandatory international regulation. Safety of a container at sea means security and peace of mind for the shipper."

DP World handled 61.7 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent units) across its global portfolio of container terminals during 2015, with gross container volumes growing by 3.0%.

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