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Dear Value Clients,

As you should be aware, the *SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea)* regulations requiring the Verified Gross Mass weight (VGM) of every shipping container will be going into effect globally on Friday, July 1, 2016.

This new rule will affect the information you are required to provide to the carriers and terminals at the time of booking and scheduling for ocean shipments, as well as how you handle shipping documentation. Each country will have its own regulations and requirements. It is critical that the roll out of this rule is seamless so that there is no interruption or delay of shipments.

We suggest that U.S. Importers take a proactive approach with their individual supplier(s) from origin to ensure they are working with their respective freight forwarding agent to understand the local compliance requirements of this new ruling. We recommend that you start to engage with your key personnel who have overall responsibility for your business, as well as the personnel in charge of managing the ocean bookings, export documentation and timely freight handling of your cargo.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at: (213) 401-3725.

For more information on SOLAS, you may also visit our website, [www.carmnet.com](http://www.carmnet.com).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this critical component in the management of your business.

Respectfully,

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