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Dear Customer

MANDATORY VERIFICATION OF GROSS WEIGHT OF CONTAINERS

The International Maritime Organisation has adopted amendments to the Safety of Life at Sea [SOLAS] convention in November last year. These amendments require mandatory verification of a container's gross weight, which entails verification of container weights before any export containers are loaded on board a vessel. These requirements will become legally binding from 1 July 2016.

The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) also approved guidelines regarding the verified gross mass of a container carrying cargo, which entail that the shipper is responsible for providing the verified gross mass of a packed container and that a packed container should not be loaded onto a vessel to which the SOLAS convention applies unless the master or his representative and the terminal representative have obtained, in advance of vessel loading, the verified gross mass of the container.

The guidelines recognise that electronic methods of transmission of verified weights may be used. TPT will continue to utilise the existing electronic process, for the pre-advice of export containers. The high throughput nature of container terminals and the high productivity imperative requirement do not permit the weighing of containers inside the terminal. These new SOLAS regulations will however require some amendments to existing pre-advice fields and also potentially the creation of new fields for pre-advised exports. This process presents some complexity for the organisation and also for you, our customer and stakeholder. To manage this change, TPT has initiated bi-lateral engagements with key stakeholders in order to share the TPT position in relation to the SOLAS amendments and receive the position and progress made by our stakeholders.

You may be aware that these engagements have taken place between TPT and SAASOA (South African Association of Ship Operators and Agents), SAAFF (South African Association of Freight Forwarders) and SASTALC (Southern Africa Shippers Transport and Logistics Council)

In order for Transnet Port Terminals to adequately respond to these requirements, we have also formed a cross functional internal steering committee to develop and monitor the implementation and stakeholder engagements in anticipation of the deadline.

Fundamentally, TPT supports the intention and spirit of the new SOLAS regulation and seeks to work towards developing the optimum solution for compliance to the regulation whilst ensuring minimal interruption to its operations and customers.

Kind regards

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