



SOLAS - VERIFIED GROSS MASS

Kuehne + Nagel VGM Portal



Helping shippers comply with SOLAS VGM requirements

From 1st July 2016, and effective worldwide, all seafreight containers must have a verified gross mass before loading. To help you comply with the new SOLAS Verified Gross Mass (VGM) regulations, Kuehne + Nagel has created an online tool for rapid and reliable recording of the required information.

Kuehne + Nagel's objective is to ensure that all customers' containers are shipped as scheduled and without disruption.

How it works

After booking a shipment, Kuehne + Nagel's "Booking Confirmation Document" will provide you with a direct link to our online VGM portal via URL and a QR Code for mobile devices so you can manage and submit quickly and easily, the required VGM data, including dates and other data necessary for record keeping and shipment identification.

Internal system flags enable Kuehne + Nagel to proactively monitor and manage customers' VGM information, and relay it to ocean carriers electronically. We aim to ensure that our customers' cargo is shipped as scheduled, without unnecessary delay or disruption.

VGM Fee

The portal and additional procedures for Kuehne + Nagel to monitor and manage VGM data have resulted in additional investments and expenses. Therefore **for each container, a VGM fee of \$12.75 will apply**. For manual VGM data transmissions, additional charges may be made.

The fee includes a compensation liability for out-of-pocket expenses up to \$1,500 per shipment. Typically, these costs might include demurrage and reweighing / reloading costs resulting from cargo not loaded as scheduled due to incomplete or inaccurate VGM data submitted to carriers.

(Some exclusions apply, including losses attributable to gross negligence.)*

Kuehne + Nagel VGM Portal - mobile browser view

REQUIRED DATA ELEMENTS

Depending on national requirements, Kuehne + Nagel as your freight forwarder and NVOCC requires the following information for containers:

- **VGM per container** (total cargo weight including loading material, pallets, skids, dunnage, securing material, tare weight)
- **Signature** (or name in capital letters for EDI) of person authorised by shipper, and other company details
- **Additional information** and/or documents if required by specific local, state or national authorities

Notes: No verified weight means no loading. Estimated weight is not permitted. Shippers must use certified scale for weighing or arrange for weighing of packed container and contents. Two permissible methods: (1) weigh the packed container (2) weigh cargo and other contents, and then add tare mass of the container. Note that shippers remain responsible for verified weight. "Shipper" means the party identified on the maritime carrier's Bill of Lading.

*Kuehne + Nagel reserves the right to change any terms of the compensation liability offered and change the VGM fee without notice.

For more information visit http://jp.kuehne-nagel.com/en_gb/seafreight/solas-imo-vgm/