



**VGM (Verified Gross Mass)  
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Definition and Purpose

VGM (Verified Gross Mass) = Total Weight of Cargo, Loading Aids, Dunnage and Tare weight of Container.

The VGM rule was created in order to protect the people and assets of the carrier, the terminal and the cargo.

Requirements

The **SHIPPER** (being the party shown as shipper in the Bill of Lading or Sea Waybill) is responsible for providing the VGM to the carrier in reasonable time prior to vessel loading and/or full gate in at the sea port terminal.

VGM methods consists of:

1. Sum of Parts - Cargo weight + packaging and dunnage (securing) materials + tare weight of container
2. Total weight of container as verified by independent weighing device.

CONTAINER TYPES

Standard containers, tank containers, flat racks and bulk containers.

**Please contact the Speedmark Australia team if you have any questions about VGM.**