



PNCT SOLAS POLICY (UPDATE)

As July 1st, 2016 approaches, Port Newark Container Terminal has been closely monitoring the recent announcements from regulatory bodies regarding SOLAS implementation.

The most important recent announcement has been the US Coast Guard affirming that the terminal practice of obtaining weights using already in place scales is an acceptable means to satisfy IMO/SOLAS regulations as an equivalent method.

PNCT scales are calibrated annually by the State of New Jersey in accordance with both state & federal law.

PNCT will begin accepting VGM data from all ocean carriers effective Wednesday June 29th 2016.

As such, please be guided by PNCT's SOLAS policy effective July 1st, 2016:

EXPORTS ARRIVING TO PNCT BEFORE JULY 1st

1. PNCT will apply our scaled weight as the certified VGM for all containers, and load to their respective vessels

EXPORTS ARRIVING VIA TRUCK STARTING JULY 1st:

1. **Arriving with VGM Submitted:**
 - a. At the time of arrival to the facility exports will be accepted in.
2. **Arriving without VGM Submitted:**
 - a. At the time of arrival to the facility exports will be accepted in and PNCT will obtain and send our scale weight to the ocean carrier via an EDI 322 message at no charge.

EXPORTS ARRIVING VIA RAIL STARTING JULY 1st:

1. **Arriving with VGM Submitted:**
 - a. At the time of arrival to the facility exports will be accepted in.
2. **Arriving without VGM Submitted:** **PNCT is not able and will not certify or use weights received from the railroad companies as IMO/SOLAS compliant.** Therefore, PNCT will weigh rail exports using a manual scaling process as the OSHA equivalent method to the SOLAS requirement and send weight information to the ocean carrier via an EDI 322 message for a \$75.00 fee. PNCT will:
 - a. Accept in all Rail Exports (will be placed on vessel hold until payment received from shipper)
 - b. Accept a guarantee from the carrier on behalf of the shipper for this charge
 - c. Accept payment either in advance or upon arrival from the Shipper/BCO via our PNCT On-Line Payment App (<http://portal.pnct.net/>). PNCT currently offers this method to pay demurrage.

CLARIFICATION NEEDED? PLEASE CALL PNCT @ 973-522-2236 or 973-522-2251