

BULLETIN

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Developments concerning container weighing – IMO encourages a practical and pragmatic approach to compliance

Further to our bulletin dated 6 May 2016, the IMO has issued a circular addressed to all Member States, Port State Control authorities and other stakeholders noting concerns regarding practical aspects of compliance with the amendment to SOLAS and advocating a practical and pragmatic approach to the enforcement of the new regulations.

The circular will remain effective until 1 October 2016.

The circular, MSC.1/Circ.1548, can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/container/Documents/MSC.1Circ.1548%20Advice.pdf>

SOLAS container mass verification requirements FAQ's can be accessed here:

<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/container/Pages/default.aspx>

MCA guidance on verification of the gross mass of packed containers by sea can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/verification-of-the-gross-mass-of-packed-containers-by-sea>