



ILA-USMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

OSH Circular 2015-11 (17 December 2015)

Verified Container Weights



This OSH Circular is meant to serve as a year-end reminder, that the International Maritime Organization's amended Safety of Life at Sea Convention regulations dealing with the verification of container weights before loading them aboard ship will take effect **01 July 2016**.

The ILA-USMX Joint Safety Committee (**JSC**) had delayed the issuance of this circular, while we awaited the still-to-be developed procedure(s) that our industry must crystallize around. As we wait, we urge shippers (upon whom the most weight [pardon the pun] is placed in relation to compliance), their intermediaries (consolidators, brokers and forwarders), ocean carriers, railroads and marine terminal operators to make the most of the next few months in order to formulate, coordinate and implement the necessary manual and electronic protocols.

As guidance to all parties, the Through Transport (TT) Club has set out excellent information within a dedicated webpage (that includes essential links to some very desirous data). As an added feature, that webpage even provides a digital countdown to the mandatory compliance "drop dead" date. Here's a link:

<http://www.ttclub.com/loss-prevention/publications/container-weighting/>

Also, our **JSC** coordinator was a member of the IMO's correspondence group that developed the theory and content of the new container weight regulations. He is most pleased to assist labor and management interests over any "rough spots", and can be contacted at blueoceana@optonline.net.

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