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Weight discrepancy fee - Oceania to World

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Effective from 1 July 2016, every packed export container is required to have a Verified Gross Mass (VGM) as a condition of loading aboard a vessel. Maersk supports this requirement as it promotes safety across the industry, including for our customers and their cargoes, landside personnel, and subsequently our employees and vessels.

We would like to take the opportunity to underline the importance of submitting VGM in an accurate and timely manner.

Effective from 1-July-2020, Maersk reserves the right to charge a Weight Discrepancy Fee (WDF) of USD 100 per bill of lading in any of the below three situations

- Discrepancy between VGM and weight declared in shipping instruction (Shipping instruction weight + Container Tare weight),
- Declared VGM exceeds Max Gross Weight of the container as per "Container Safety Convention Plate" (excluding Shipper Owned Container), or
- Declared VGM is less than Tare Weight of the container.

We further reiterate the importance of declaring the correct weight via your chosen channels.

As all New Zealand ports operate on a "no VGM, no Gate-in" basis, the preferred method for submission to Maersk New Zealand is through your pre-advice to any New Zealand port.

Should you have any questions or require support, please reach out to your local Maersk team using our instant chat channel: [Live Chat](#)

We thank you in advance for your continued support, and if you have any questions please reach out to your local Maersk.

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