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UN/CEFACT approved new codes for EDI messages enhancements to support SOLAS regulation on Verified Gross Mass in Container Messages

As we already mentioned in SMDG documents and Message Implementation Guides, new codes for different segments were necessary in existing messages to support the enhancements for the new SOLAS regulations on Verified Gross Mass for packed containers to be loaded on vessel.

SMDG already released these enhancements in new Message Implementation Guides with provisional codes. Now UN/CEFACT has assigned, approved and published official codes in version D.15B on their website. The codes can be used in SMDG MIG’s for the existing messages and are updated accordingly as versions SMDG16-1 and SMDG21-2.

VERMAS targeted to be published in version D.16A

The message structure has been approved by UN/CEFACT and will be published in the D.16A directory in June 2016.

MIG for the new Edifact message VERMAS 0.4 has been published on the SMDG website. The SMDG will further improve the MIG, it is planned to publish version 0.5 in February 2016.
Codes assigned by UN/CEFACT as proposed/prototyped by SMDG

RFF 1153 - Reference code qualifier
+ VGR  Transport equipment gross mass verification reference number
  Reference number identifying the documentation of a transport equipment gross mass (weight) verification.

+ VOR  Transport equipment gross mass verification order reference
  Reference number identifying the order for obtaining a Verified Gross Mass (weight) of a packed transport equipment as per SOLAS Chapter VI, Regulation 2, paragraphs 4-6.

MEA 6313 - Measured attribute code
+ VGM  Transport equipment verified gross mass (weight)
  The gross mass (weight) of the transport equipment verified according to SOLAS Chapter VI, Regulation 2, paragraphs 4-6.

NAD 3035 - Party function code qualifier
+ SPC  SOLAS verified gross mass responsible party
  Party responsible for declaration of the verified gross mass (weight) of a packed transport equipment according to SOLAS Chapter VI, Regulation 2, paragraphs 4-6.

CTA 3139 - Contact function code (VERMAS)
+ RP  Authorized responsible person
  Responsible person who is authorized to sign official documents.


Codes new assigned by UN/CEFACT (because numeric system of DE)

DTM 2005 - Date or time or period function code qualifier
+ 798  Verified gross mass determination date/time
  Date/Time when a gross mass (weight) of a packed container was obtained according to SOLAS Chapter VI, Regulation 2, paragraphs 4-6
  - Replaces SMDG provisional value: WAT