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SOLAS Container Weight Verification Requirement

The International Maritime Organization has amended the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) to require, as a condition for loading a packed container onto a ship for export, that the container have a verified weight. Under the amended convention which becomes effective on July 1, 2016 shippers will be responsible for the verification of the packed container's weight. A more detailed explanation of the new requirement can be found in a Ship Safety Bulletin published by Transport Canada available at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/media/documents/marinesafety/SSB-04-2016E.pdf>.

As July 1st approaches the Office of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner (OBCCTC) has received a number of inquiries about the new requirement and how it may affect TLS licence holders. At this early stage it is impossible forecast what, if any, impact the new requirement will have on our industry generally and on the *Container Trucking Act* rate structure in particular. The OBCCTC feels that any decision on rates would be premature at this early point. The OBCCTC will continue to closely monitor the situation.

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF THE BC CONTAINER TRUCKING COMMISSIONER



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