

CustomerInfo

Latest Update on PONDUS –weight Amendment Charges

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Dear Valued Customer,

Since July 2016, the International Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) has required shippers to obtain and document the verified gross mass of a packed container prior to vessel loading. Misdeclared containers have significant safety implications for safe loading of vessels, sea voyage and road transport.

It is the shipper's responsibility to ensure that the correct weight of a container is documented prior to it being discharged or received at a Patrick's Terminal by their nominated carrier.

Patrick terminals reserves the right to weigh a container within the terminal yard utilising a calibrated weighing device, the Pondus Stand.

This new innovative and calibrated weighing solution, Pondus, will assist in the identification of mis-declared weights through statistical sampling of containers coupled with automated notification of mis-declared weight discrepancies via 1-Stop.

The new solution will assist parties to better meet their Chain of Responsibility obligations. For containers identified by the Pondus weighing stand with a weigh discrepancy variance +/- one metric tonne versus the documented, a weight amendment fee will be incurred.

A Weight Amendment Fee for Containers - Weigh and Adjustment charge of AUD 250.00 per container plus GST (Inclusive of administration fee) will apply to all containers determined by the Pondus Stand to have a weight variance of greater than +/- one metric tonne within the documented weight.

Ports	Amount	Application	Effective Date
Melbourne	AU\$250 + GST	per container	1st September 2021
FMC related lanes	AU\$250 + GST	per container	1st October 2021
Sydney, Fremantle	To be advised		

The Weight Amendment Fee will be charged to the transport carrier for import containers and to the shipping line for Export containers for recovery from the Shipper / Customer.

The charge will not apply to import and export containers that have accurately declared container weights or whose variance is less than one metric tonne or for containers determined to have a variance of less than +/- one metric tonne of the documented weight will not be subject to the charge and handled as per normal protocol.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your local Hapag-Lloyd offices or au_bookings@hlag.com for more information.