# Ready to meet the container **weight requirements?**

The SOLAS container weight verification requirement stipulates shippers **must weigh and document** all shipping containers prior to them being loaded onto a vessel.
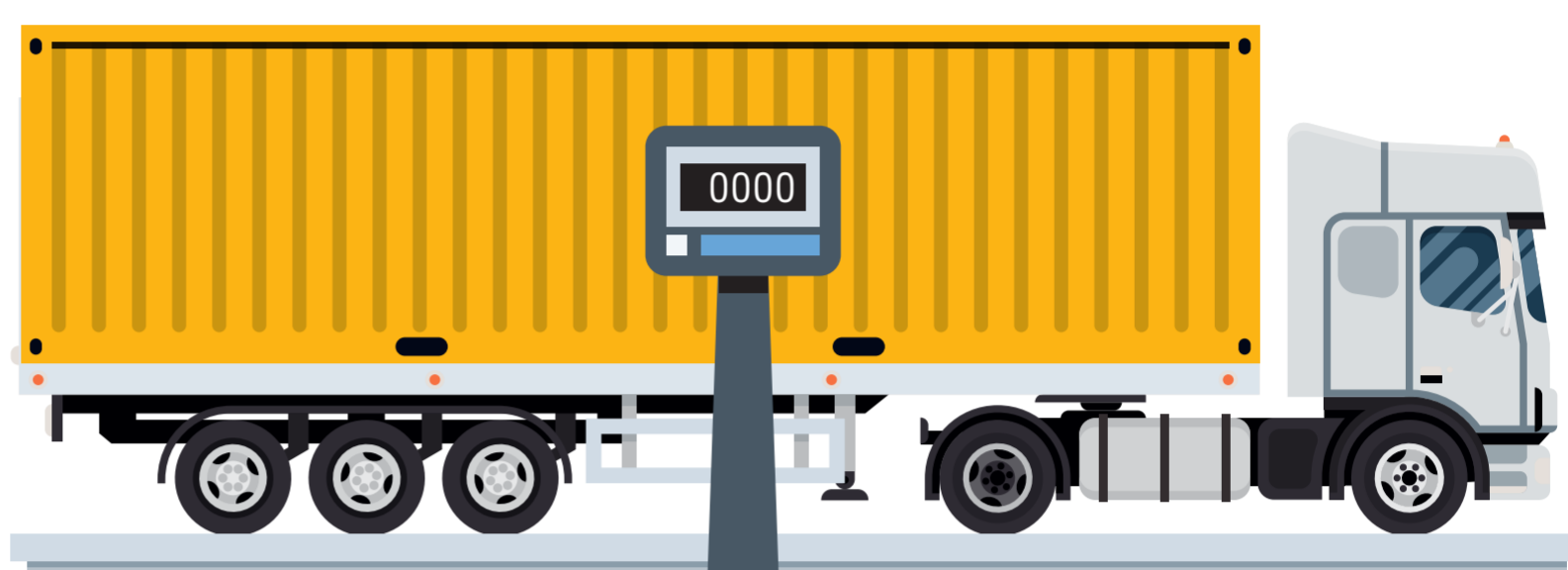
## There are two approved methods for weighing the shipment containers:

### Method 1

**Shipper loads and seals the container, and then weighs the loaded container.**

Place the loaded and sealed container on a weighbridge. Subtract the weight of the truck, the fuel and the chassis.
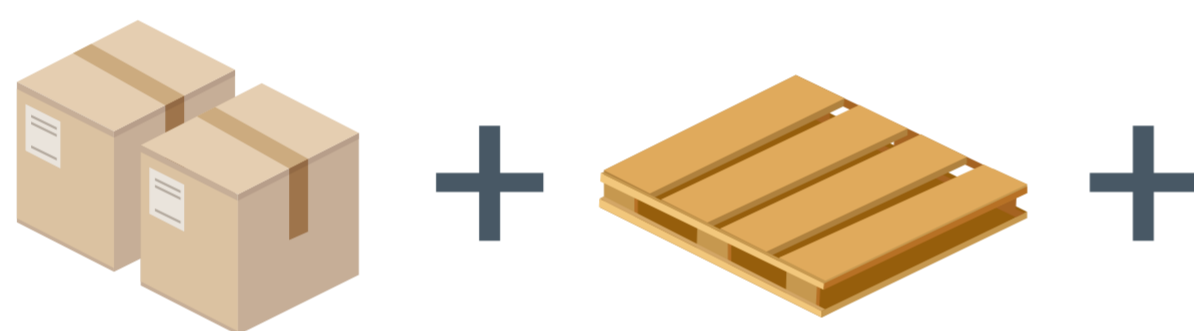
*Loaded Weight* = *Total Weight - (Truck + Fuel + Chassis)*
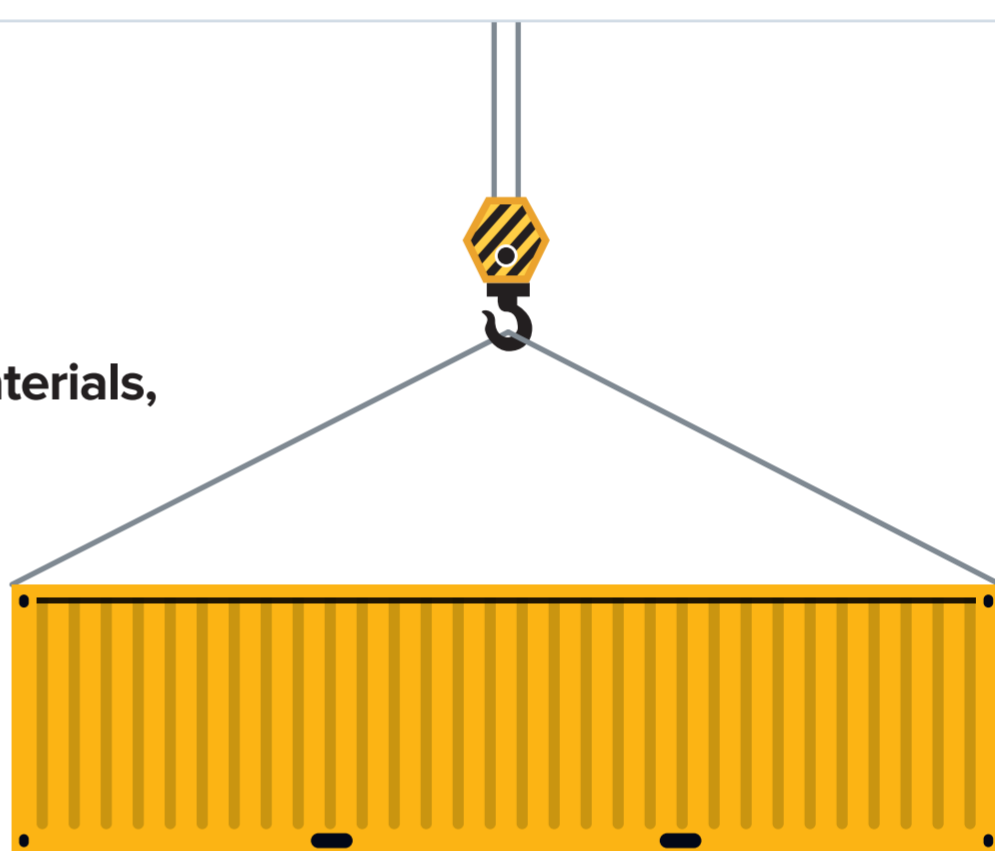
**OR**

### Method 2

**Shipper weighs the cargo, including all the packing materials, and adds the weight to the tare mass of the container.**

**Weigh everything that's going inside the container, including:** cargo, pallets, packaging, securing materials, etc.

Sum up the weight of all the items, plus the weight of the container.

*Loaded Weight = Cargo + Packaging + Container*

To weigh the containers, shippers **must use scales that are certified and calibrated according to the standards** set by the country where the container is being weighed.

Once the containers have been weighed, the shipper must provide the proper documentation declaring the verified gross mass of the container.

**Containers that do not meet the regulated requirements will not be loaded onto the vessel.**

WEIGHT DECLARATION

For more information about the new SOLAS requirements for the verified gross mass of packed containers, or for assistance ensuring you have the processes in place to meet the **July 1st deadline**, contact your dedicated account manager, or **call 1-800-837-1063**