

Introduction of Weight Mis-Declaration Fee for Export Cargo (PONDUS) AT DP World Australia (DPWA) Melbourne

Dear 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. Mis-declared 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 DP World Terminal Melbourne by their nominated carrier. DP World terminal reserves the right to weigh a container within the terminal yard utilising a calibrated weighing device, the Pondus Stand.

This innovative and calibrated weighing solution, Pondus, will assist in the identification of mis-declared export weights through statistical sampling of containers coupled with automated notification of mis-declared weight discrepancies via 1-Stop. The solution will assist parties to better meet their Chain of Responsibility obligations.

Starting from the **3rd of July**, a Weight Mis-Declaration Fee will be implemented for export containers. This fee amounts to AUD 250 per container, plus GST. It will be applicable to all containers that the Pondus Stand determines to have a weight difference of greater than +/- one metric tonne, either higher or lower, compared to the documented weight. The fee will be initially billed to the carrier but will be subsequently passed on to the shipper or customer for reimbursement.

Port	Amount	Application	Effective Date
DPWA (Melbourne)	AU \$250 + GST	Per container	3rd July 2023

The charge will not apply to 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 AUSTRALIA@service.hlg.com for more information.

Kind regards,

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