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In the last issue of Containerisation International, TT Club's Peregrine Storrs-Fox examined the implications of the Amendment to the Safety of Life at Sea Convention, Solas, mandating the Verification of Gross Mass (VGM) of containers, which comes into effect on July 1 next year. Now, in Part Two of his examination, he details the responsibilities of the various parties in the container supply chain.

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