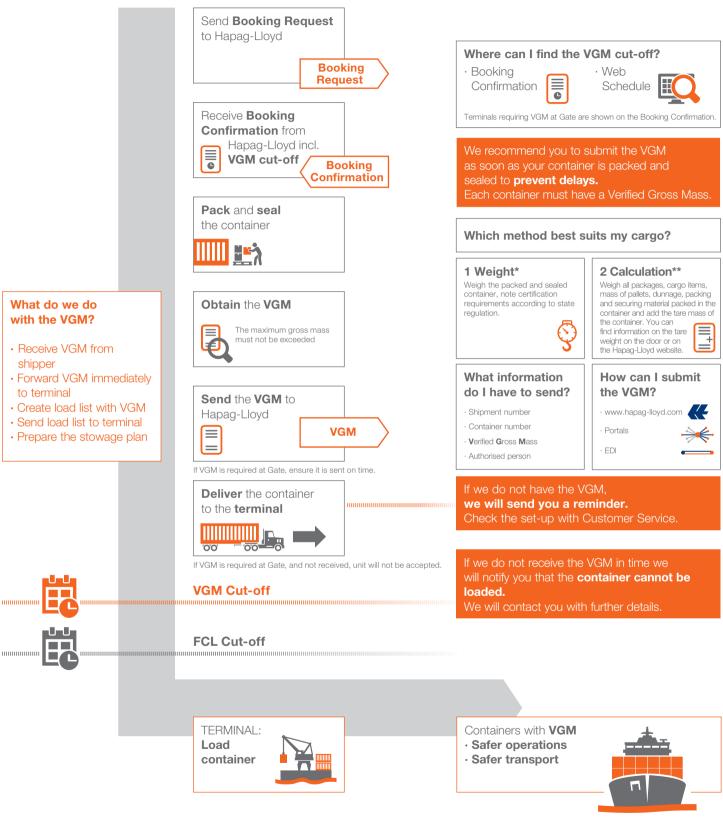
VERIFIED GROSS MASS (VGM)



Methods by which the shipper may obtain the verified gross mass of a packed container:

- * Method 1: Upon the conclusion of packing and sealing a container and using calibrated and certified equipment, the shipper may weigh the packed container. Method 1 is appropriate for any packed container and any type of goods.
- ** Method 2: The shipper may weigh all packages and cargo items, including the mass of pallets, dunnage and other packing and securing material to be packed in the container, and add the tare mass of the container to the sum of the single masses of the container's contents. Method 2 is inappropriate and impractical for certain types of cargo items (e.g. scrap metal, unbagged grain and other cargo in bulk); for such cargoes, Method 1 must be used.

