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## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Abidjan Port Authority (CAA) informs the Abidjan Port users that in compliance with the SOLAS Convention amendment, every exporter is compelled, as from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016, to weigh and communicate to the ship's agent and /or the shipping line the verified Gross Mass of each container export before its dispatching to the port.

Initiated by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and effective in the 171 members states of which Cote d'Ivoire which ratified it on 5 October 1980, the SOLAS Convention ( Safety of Life at Sea) covers over 98% the world maritime trade since its coming into force on 25 May 1980.

The loading plan of ships so far were established on basis of declarative gross weight which resulted in many accidents. To fight against this plague and on proposal of its Maritime Security Committee (MSC) through the MSC.30 (94) resolution of 21 November 2014, IMO adopted an amendment to the SOLAS Convention establishing the compulsory prior notification of the verified Gross Mass of each container.

In Cote d'Ivoire, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI-CI) is the Body Commissioned to certify weights.



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The Managing Director, Abidjan Port Authority, CHAIRMAN of Abidjan Port Community invites all the economic operators, Abidjan Port's users to make necessary arrangements for the effective implementation of this new supranational measure.

The Abidjan Port Community 's General Secretariat and Cote d'Ivoire Chamber of Commerce and Industry remain at the disposal of economic operators for further information.

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