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**Container Weight Variation Charge**

Weight Amendment Fee for Import Containers - Weigh and Adjustment charge

*Advice to members and agents*

This matter was first advised in January 2021. At that time it was only one terminal checking the weights and charging penalties for discrepancies more than 1 tonne.

We now see that most terminals in Australia have implemented the process and as such we need you to be aware that in the event a container is weighed and found to be more than 1 tonne different in weight than the declared VGM a penalty will be levied to the transport operator booking the slot to move the container from the wharf.

The cost for the weight adjustment charge does vary somewhat but is approximately \$250.00AUD plus GST per instance.

There will be an invoice to give as evidence for the charge and in most cases the cost will need to be passed back to the origin agent.

Please note, there is no ability to dispute this charge and the invoice must be paid prior to being able to remove the container from the wharf.

AIMA has disputed the validity of the charge but to date we have had no success whatsoever in trying to have it removed.

Please make sure you take note of this information and pass it on to any relevant parties who may be affected.

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AIMA Chairman