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Patrick Terminals Weighing Solution delivers Step Change in Safety for Container Transportation

Patrick Terminals has launched an innovative weighing solution to help drive safety across the container handling sector. Mis-declared containers create potential safety risks throughout the supply chain from transport companies to terminal operators and shipping lines. This new weighing solution, Pondus, will help identify mis-declared weights by statistically sampling containers for weighing and then automatically notifying customers of weight discrepancies (+/- 1t) allowing parties to better meet their Chain of Responsibility obligations.

Through trials at Patrick Terminals – Brisbane Autostrad, Pondus has been successfully proven to be effective in detecting mis-declared containers in regard to their verified gross mass (VGM).

Matt Hollamby, Patrick Terminals – Brisbane Terminal Manager, said, “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. This is a legal requirement. A mis-declared container has potential implications for safe loading of vessels, sea voyage and road transport.”

“Both import and export containers will be statistically sampled for weighing on the Pondus stand and mis-declared containers will have a charge placed on the relevant transport company for imports or shipping line for exports. Numbers weighed will be governed by what is reasonably practicable given the operational circumstances prevailing at the time. This new solution aligns with Patrick Terminals’ core value and focus on Safety First.” said Mr. Hollamby.

Robin Bean from Cindicum Pty Ltd, the manufacturer of the Pondus stand, explained, “Vessel planning and weight distribution can be impacted by irregularities in declared container weights. Mis-declared container weights can lead to accidents, cargo loss, infrastructure damage and environmental harm. Our certified and automated Pondus platform precisely weighs a container to the National Measurement Institute requirements in seconds on purpose built, calibrated load detecting instruments. The Pondus Stand then automatically interfaces with our system to report accurate container weights to the party transporting those containers.”

Neil Chambers, a leading advocate for safety in the transport industry and director of the Container Transport Alliance Australia (CTAA) said, “We welcome the introduction of a highly accurate weighing solution that helps transport companies and their import and export customers to understand the accurate weight of containers. Safety is paramount in this industry.”

Patrick Terminals has advised customers that new charges in relation to Pondus will come into effect from the 4th January 2021. The charge will not apply to importers and exporters who accurately declare container weights.

Full details on charges can be found here: <https://patrick.com.au/customer-info/>



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About:

Patrick Terminals

Patrick Terminals is Australia's leading container terminal operator. Patrick Terminals operates some of Australia's most technologically advanced container terminals at four strategically located ports around the Australian coast.

Patrick's network of terminals includes Brisbane AutoStrad Terminal, Sydney AutoStrad Terminal, Melbourne Terminal and Fremantle Terminal. Patrick Terminals is co-owned by Qube and Brookfield.

Cindicium Pty Ltd

Cindicium Pty Ltd is an innovative Australian technology company led by Robin Bean who deliver products and services that improve customers' operational efficiency and ensure compliance with road and maritime safety regulations.