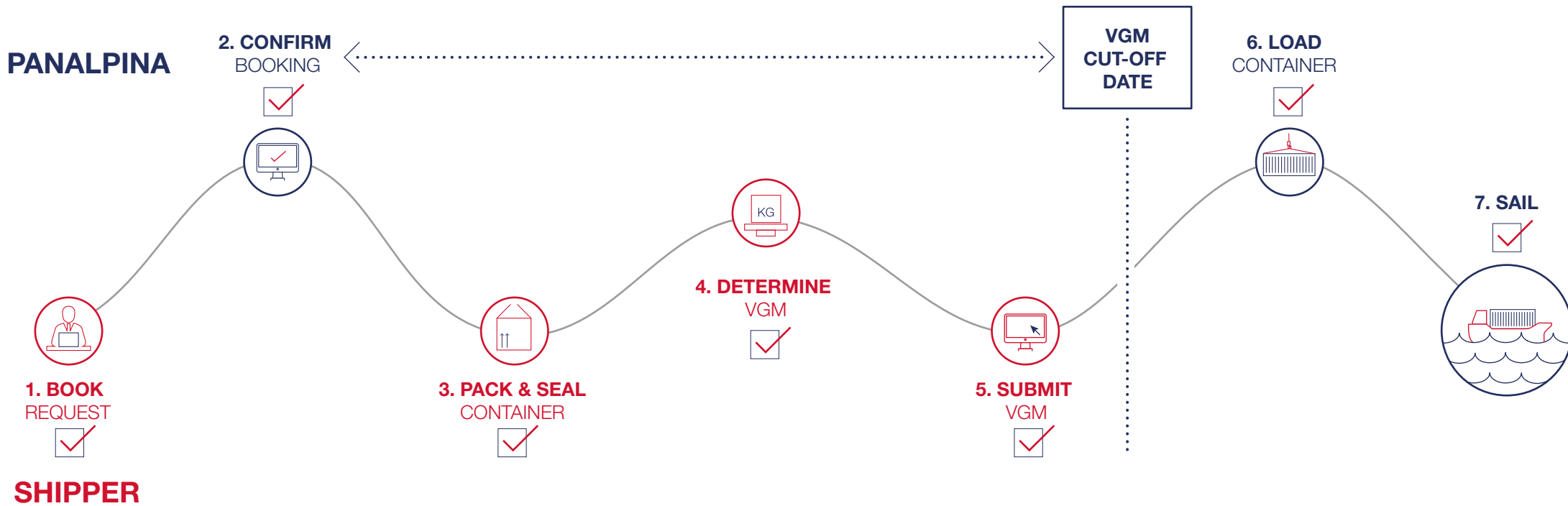




VERIFIED GROSS MASS (VGM)

How to tick – and weigh – all the boxes



HOW TO **DETERMINE** VGM

For full container loads (FCL), the shipper is responsible for verifying the gross mass of the packed container.*

Two methods are permissible to determine the VGM:

- 1 You weigh the container after it has been packed
- 2 You weigh all the cargo and contents of the container including packaging and dunnage and add those weights to the container's tare weight (shown on container door)

Estimating weight is not permitted!

* For less than container load (LCL) shipments, no VGM data has to be determined or submitted by the shipper.

HOW TO **SUBMIT** VGM DATA

You can submit the container VGM data to Panalpina in three ways:

- Use the [VGM Portal](https://vgm-portal.com) (https://vgm-portal.com). Easy, safe and cost-effective!
- Complete our [interactive container VGM declaration form](http://bit.ly/29eQQO0) (http://bit.ly/29eQQO0)
- Use your own form. It must clearly identify a verified gross mass

MANDATORY **DATA**

Regardless of how you submit VGM data, the following information is mandatory for every (FCL) ocean freight container:

- Panalpina booking reference number
- Container number
- Weight determination date and time
- Verified gross mass (kg/lbs) per container
- Authorized person certifying VGM
- Weighing party certification number (if applicable)
- Weighing method: **1** or **2** (optional but strongly recommended)
- Name of third-party VGM provider (if VGM not determined by shipper)

Responsibility lies with the shipper. The legal entity or person named on the bill of lading is responsible for determining, documenting and submitting the VGM of a packed container to the contractual carrier. The shipper remains fully liable for the accuracy of the VGM even if a third-party is entrusted with weighing a container and submitting the data on the shipper's behalf.