

# FONASBA MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRY



## ENQUIRY RESPONSE FORM

<b>ORIGINATING ASSOCIATION:</b>	<b>APAMA (Algeria)</b>
<b>ENQUIRY DETAILS:</b>	<i>Is the draft survey recognized by your customs authority as a means of formally determining the weight of imported/exported bulk cargoes? If not, how do they determine the weight?</i>
<b>REPLY TO:</b>	<b>admin@fonasba</b>
<b>CLOSING DATE FOR REPLIES:</b>	<b>Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>

### RESPONDING ASSOCIATION COMMENTS: (Please include any attachments)

Albania	Custom's require imperatively Draft Survey for bulk materials only. That figure is bidding for import/export cargo value and tax.
Argentina	In Argentina there is a system to ascertain the weight of cargo that uses either Draft Survey or Scale operated by Customs Authorities. The importer or exporter has the right to choose the system. Upon any verification or inspection Customs may deem appropriate, further weighting (draft survey or scale) may be used.
Bahrain	Draft Survey is not being considered by Customs for weight calculations. However they are only verifying the commercial invoice, packing list and the Bill of Lading for this purpose.
Brazil	Yes, it is.  In solid bulk, the weight of the cargo exported/imported is usually determined by the terminal scales. This is the most common and accepted situation.  In some cases, however, the local Customs may also require that the weight be determined by an accredited expert.
Bulgaria	Bulgarian Customs authorities recognized the following 2 methods for determinations of the weight for import/export bulk cargo:  1. Figure by certify port electronic scale: this is the most popular method.  2. Figure by draft survey: can be used only in case if in the commercial contract is specially mentioned that weight should be determined by draft survey.

Croatia	Confirm. Draft survey is one of officially recognized ways of determining cargo weight on board.
Cyprus	<p>Cyprus Customs Administration does not recognise the draft survey or any survey as a means of formality for the determination of the weight of imported/exported bulk cargoes.</p> <p>Our local Customs Authorities endorse the quantities of such goods written in the delivery orders issued by the carriers' Agents which should be escorted by the official invoice.</p> <p>In the case of goods in bulk exported, the bill of lading also accompanied by the official invoice are taken into consideration as a proof of the weight of the goods in question.</p>
Denmark	Draft surveys to establish weight of import and export is recognized by the Customs. Draft surveyors must be accredited to conduct this service and issue certificates for commercial and customs purposes.
Dubai	Dubai Customs do accept draft survey.
France	<p>As far as France is concerned, generally speaking draft surveys are only a technical reference used by commercial partners and are not considered as a formal way of determination of the weight of imported/exported bulk cargoes by our Customs Authorities.</p> <p>Customs authorities in France rely only on documents and/or approved equipment (weigh bridges, weighing scales,... being customs certified), Import or export formalities are based on b/l weight.</p> <p>The way the b/l weight is ascertained depends on commercial agreement between partners.</p> <p>GAFTA - Grain and Feed Trade Association - rules to be taken into consideration for agriproducts, for other industrial goods like minerals for instance draft survey can be one of the ways used for determination of the b/l weight as long as it is stipulated by the contract (reputable supervision firms like SGS, Control Union or others sophisticated ways and tools for this job).</p> <p>In case of dispute with Customs Authorities a draft survey can be one of the elements in a file but all of us know that its reliability can be sometimes discussed.</p>
Hungary	<p>Yes it is accepted.</p> <p>Official draft survey or official weighing bridge determining the weight.</p>

Israel	The Draft Survey of Bulk Vessels is the <b>main</b> official cargo weight Criteria/System for all parties involved in a specific deal (Exporter, Customs, Port and Ship's Captain). In case of a significant discrepancy between the Port's Scale and the Draft Survey a <b>Joint</b> Draft Survey (Vessel and Port) will be performed by an <b>Independent Surveyor</b> .
Japan	Customs always checking weight of bulk cargo with invoice to be compared with B/L & manifest.
Jordan	<p>The draft survey figures prepared at the loading and discharging ports are not taken into consideration by local authorities in determining the quantities discharged.</p> <p>The quantities of grain cargo discharged at Aqaba are determined either by silo readings if the cargo is discharge into silos or by truckloads if cargo is being discharged on trucks.</p> <p>The Aqaba Company for Port Management &amp; Operation who is a governmental body that is in charge of the discharging operations at Aqaba will be issuing an official report confirming the final figures discharged. This document is called " outturn report / supplementary outturn report or receiving report " which is the official document that describes the condition of cargo as discharged and received and in case of any shortage/damage claim, this official report will constitute the legal ground for any claim, it is also strong evidence in favour of receivers as its contents are binding on our courts.</p> <p>However, in case of any shortage/damage claim, the survey report outcome will be of assistance for the owners in their recovery claim against the charterers if the signed C/P included such conditions.</p>
Lithuania	Lithuanian custom approves draft survey report and shore scale weight certificate as well.
Mexico	In Mexico the customs authority recognizes and authorizes companies that have certified scales and issue weight certificates which are attached to the import or export document.
Morocco	<p>In Morocco, the draft survey has not yet been recognized by customs authority for determining the weight of bulk import / export.</p> <p>But it is determined by the weighing of trucks (Import / Export).</p>
Mozambique	Customs rely exclusively on declared quantity on the commercial invoice and compare with that of the B/L and manifest submitted.
Netherlands	The question is difficult to answer because what means 'formally recognized'. Sometimes Customs is asking for additional information as an alternative proof, which can be survey reports, draft surveys, packing list, etc.

Portugal	All terminals are linked to customs and have the responsibility to inform the weight unloaded / loaded, the Agents also confirm the weight at customs.
South Africa	In South Africa draft surveys are carried out by surveyors before discharge commences and on completion of loading.
Sweden	Yes.
UK	<p>We don't to my knowledge have anything like this in the UK.</p> <p>Customs rely on the manifested bill of lading weights. In the case of a query they may ask for the VGM or arrange a terminal weigh – but this is very unusual and only if smuggling / wrongdoing suspected.</p> <p>Otherwise it is commercial issue – relies on weighbridge notes for bulk cargoes or those sold by weight.</p>