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(iv) The tank is closed tightly following sampling.

(c) The master shall make sure that cargoes requiring closed gauging are sampled only through the controlled sampling arrangement required by § 153.404(d).

[CGD 73–96, 42 FR 49027, Sept. 26, 1977, as amended by CGD 78–128, 47 FR 21210, May 17, 1982]

§ 153.935a Storage of cargo samples.

(a) The master shall make sure that any cargo samples are stored in:

(1) A designated and ventilated space in the cargo area of the vessel; or

(2) An area approved by the Commandant (G–MSO) or the tankship's flag administration for the stowage of cargo samples.

(b) The master shall make sure that cargo sample bottles are stored:

(1) In a way that prevents shifting of the sample bottles when the vessel is at sea;

(2) In bins or containers constructed of materials that are resistant to the cargo samples; and

(3) Apart from other sample bottles containing incompatible liquids (See part 150, subpart A).

[CGD 78–128, 47 FR 21211, May 17, 1982, as amended by CGD 82–063b, 48 FR 4782, Feb. 3, 1983]

§ 153.936 Illness, alcohol, drugs.

The master shall ensure that no person participates in cargo related operations who appears to be intoxicated by alcohol or drugs or to be so ill as to be unfit for the particular operation.

MARKING OF CARGO TRANSFER HOSE

§ 153.940 Standards for marking of cargo hose.

No person may mark a hose assembly as meeting the standards of this section unless the hose assembly meets the following requirements:

(a) Each hose assembly must have:

(1) Fully threaded connections;

(2) Flanges that meet ANSI B16.5, B16.24, or B16.31; or

(3) Class 1 quick-disconnect couplings that comply with ASTM F–1122, and are marked ''C1–1.''

(b) Each hose assembly must be marked with the:

(1) Date of manufacture;

(2) Working pressure discribed in paragraph (d) of this section;

(3) Date of the last test made as prescribed in paragraph (e) of this section; and

(4) Manufacturer's recommended maximum and minimum temperatures.

(c) A cargo hose assembly must have a minimum bursting pressure as stated by the manufacturer of at least 5152 kPa gauge (approx. 750 psig).

(d) The working pressure marked on a hose must meet the following:

(1) Be at least 1030 kPa gauge (approx. 150 psig).

(2) Not exceeded 20 per cent (one-fifth) of the manufacturer's stated bursting pressure.

(3) Not exceed the manufacturer's recommended working pressure.

(4) Not exceed the test pressure used in the latest test under paragraph (e)(3) of this section.

(e) A cargo hose assembly must be inspected and tested by placing it in a straight, horizontal position so that its entire external surface is accessible. It must be ascertained that the hose assembly:

(1) Has no loose covers, kinks, bulges, soft spots, and no gouges, cuts, or slashes that penetrate any hose reinforcement;

(2) Has no external and, to the extent internal inspection is possible with both ends of the hose open, no internal deterioration; and

(3) Does not burst, bulge, leak, or abnormally distort under static liquid pressure at least as great as the recommended working pressure.

[CGD 73–96, 42 FR 49027, Sept. 26, 1977, as amended by CGD 78–128, 47 FR 21211, May 17, 1982; CGD 88–032, 56 FR 35827, July 29, 1991]

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§ 153.953 Signals during cargo transfer.

The master shall ensure that:

(a) The tankship displays a red flag in the day and a red light at night when transferring cargo while fast to a dock;

(b) The tankship displays a red flag when transferring cargo while at anchor; and

(c) The red flag or the red light is visible from all sides of the tankship.

§153.955 Warning signs during cargo transfer.

(a) When transferring cargo while fast to a dock or at anchor in port, the master shall ensure that the tankship displays a warning sign at the gangway facing the shore so that it may be seen from the shore and another warning sign facing outboard toward the water so that it may be seen from the water. (See figure 1).

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (f) of this section, each warning sign must have the following legends:

(1) Warning.

(2) Dangerous Cargo.

(3) No Visitors.

(4) No Smoking.

(5) No Open Lights.

(c) Each letter must be block style, black on a white background.

(d) Each letter must:

(1) Be 7.5 cm (approx. 3 in.) high;

(2) Be 5 cm (approx. 2 in.) wide except for ''M'' and ''W'' which must be 7.5 cm (approx. 3 in.) wide and the letter ''I'' which may be 1.3 cm (approx. ½ in.) wide; and

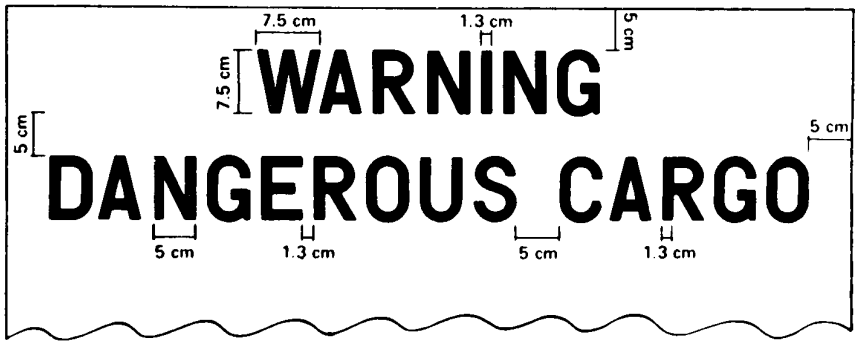

Figure 1 - Minimum Dimensions for Warning Sign

(3) Have 1.3 cm (approx. ½ in.) stroke width.

(e) The spacing must be:

(1) 1.3 cm (approx. ½ in.) between letters of the same word;

(2) 5 cm (approx. 2 in.) between words;

(3) 5 cm (approx. 2 in.) between lines; and

(4) 5 cm (approx. 2 in.) at the borders of the sign.

(f) Except as described in §153.1045, the legends ''No Smoking'' and ''No Open Lights'' are not required when the cargoes on board the tankship are neither flammable nor combustible.

§153.957 Persons in charge of transferring liquid cargo in bulk or cleaning cargo tanks.

(a) The owner and operator of the vessel, and his or her agent, and each of them, shall ensure that—

(1) Enough ''Tankerman-PICs'' or restricted ''Tankerman-PICs'', and ''Tankerman-Assistants'', authorized for the classification of cargo carried, are on duty to safely transfer liquid cargo in bulk or to safely clean cargo tanks;

(2) Each transfer of liquid cargo in bulk and each cleaning of a cargo tank is supervised by a qualified person designated as a person in charge of the transfer or the cleaning under Subpart C of 33 CFR part 155;

(3) When cargo regulated under this part is due for transfer, the person in charge of the transfer has received special training in the particular hazards associated with the cargo and in all special procedures for its handling; and

(4) On each foreign vessel, the person in charge understands his or her responsibilities as described in this subchapter.

(b) Upon request by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, in whose zone the transfer will take place, the owner and operator of the vessel, and his or her agent, and each of them, shall provide documentary evidence that the person in charge has received the training specified by paragraph (a)(3) of this section and is capable of competently performing the procedures necessary for the cargo.

[CGD 79–116, 60 FR 17158, Apr. 4, 1995]

§ 153.959 Approval to begin transfer operations required.

No person may make connections for cargo transfer or transfer cargo unless he has authorization from the person in charge of cargo transfer.

§ 153.964 Discharge by gas pressurization.

The person in charge of cargo transfer may not authorize cargo discharge by gas pressurization unless:

(a) The tank to be offloaded has an SR or PV venting system;

(b) The pressurization medium is either the cargo vapor or a nonflammable, nontoxic gas inert to the cargo; and

(c) The pressurizing line has:

(1) A pressure reducing valve whose setting does not exceed 90% of the tank's relief valve setting and a manual control valve between the pressure reducing valve and the tank; or

(2) For an inert gas medium:

(i) A safety relief valve with a cross sectional flow area at least equal to that of the pressurizing line and whose relieving pressure does not exceed 90 percent of the tank's relief valve setting;

(ii) A manual control valve between the safety relief valve and the tank; and

(iii) A check valve between the manual control valve and the tank.

§ 153.966 Discharge by liquid displacement.

The person in charge of cargo transfer may not authorize cargo discharge by liquid displacement unless the liquid supply line to the tank has:

(a) A safety relief or pressure reducing valve set to operate at no more than 80 percent of the tank's relief valve setting; and

(b) A manual control valve between the tank and the supply line's safety relief valve or pressure reducing valve.

§ 153.968 Cargo transfer conference.

(a) Before he may begin making connections for cargo transfer, the person in charge of cargo transfer shall confer with the person supervising the cargo transfer at the facility.

(b) The person in charge of cargo transfer shall discuss the important aspects of the transfer operation, such as the following, with the supervisor at the facility:

(1) The products to be transferred.

(2) The cargo loading rates marked on the cargo piping plan or the maximum safe transfer rates.

(3) The critical or hazardous stages of the transfer operation.

(4) The emergency procedures in case of a spill.

(5) If the vessel is equipped with the tank overflow alarm prescribed in §153.408(c), a procedure for shutdown of shore pumps, shore valves, and ship's valves that prevents piping system pressures from exceeding those for which the piping system is designed.

[CGD 73–96, 42 FR 49027, Sept. 26, 1977, as amended by CGD 78–128, 47 FR 21211, May 17, 1982; CGD 81–078, 50 FR 21174, May 22, 1985]

§ 153.970 Cargo transfer piping.

The person in charge of cargo transfer shall ensure that:

(a) Cargo is transferred to or from a cargo tank only through the tankship's cargo piping system;

(b) Vapor not returned to shore through the tankship's vapor return system is discharged at the height required for the cargo's vent riser in Table 1, and

(c) All cargo vapor is returned to shore through the valved connection on the venting system if:

(1) The cargo requires closed gauging, is referenced to § 153.372 or is referenced to § 153.525;

(2) The transfer terminal has vapor return equipment; and

(3) In his estimation the vapor return equipment is adequate to handle the vapor expected from the tank.

§ 153.972 Connecting a cargo hose.

The person in charge of cargo transfer may not authorize the connection of a hose to a cargo containment system unless:

(a) He has ensured himself that the cargo will not weaken or damage the hose;

(b) The hose is marked as meeting the standards of § 153.940;

(c) The date of the hose's last pressure test is within one year of the date on which the hose is used to transfer cargo;

(d) The recommended working pressure marked on a hose used for discharge meets or exceeds the working pressure marked on the cargo piping at the hose connection; and

(e) The cargo's temperature is within the manufacturer's recommended maximum and minimum hose temperatures.

§ 153.975 Preparation for cargo transfer.

The person in charge of cargo transfer may not approve or continue cargo transfer unless the following conditions are met:

(a) No fires or open flames are on deck or in compartments near the hose connections when Table 1 requires the cargo's containment system to have a fire protection system.

(b) Any electrical bonding of the tankship to the transfer facility is made before the cargo transfer piping is joined.

(c) Any supplemental inert gas supply necessary to maintain the 3.5 kPa gauge (approx. 0.5 psig) pressure in the tank during offloading (see § 153.500) is connected to the inert gas pressure control system.

(d) The transfer connections have enough slack to allow for vessel movement.

(e) The transfer connections are supported by tackles.

(f) The cargo high level alarms, tank overflow alarms and overflow control systems are functioning correctly when the cargo is loaded.

(g) Joints and couplings are gasketed and mated tightly.

(h) Flanges are bolted tightly.

(i) No repair work is underway in areas where cargo or cargo vapors may collect.

(j) Cargo and sea valves are properly set, with those sea valves connected to cargo piping lashed or sealed shut.

(k) Venting system bypass valves are set for cargo transfer and are operating properly.

(l) All scuppers are plugged.

(m) Smoking is limited to safe places.

(n) Fire fighting and safety equipment is ready.

(o) He is in effective communication with the transfer terminal.

(p) The person in charge of the transfer terminal has acknowledged that he is ready to transfer.

(q) Pressures within the cargo transfer and containment systems do not exceed the pressure ranges for which the transfer hose and containment systems are designed.

(r) No vessels that would hazard cargo transfer are alongside the tankship.

[CGD 73–96, 42 FR 49027, Sept. 26, 1977, as amended by CGD 78–128, 47 FR 21211, May 17, 1982]

§ 153.976 Transfer of packaged cargo or ship's stores.

The person in charge of cargo transfer may neither begin nor continue the transfer of a flammable or combustible cargo while packaged cargo or ship's stores are transferred unless transfer of the packaged cargo or ship's stores does not hazard transfer of the flammable or combustible cargo.

§ 153.977 Supervision of cargo transfer.

The person in charge of cargo transfer shall:

(a) Supervise the operation of cargo system valves;

(b) Monitor the cargo loading rate to ensure it does not exceed that stated on the cargo piping plan; and

(c) Monitor the cargo level in the tanks to make sure they do not overflow.

[CGD 78–128, 47 FR 21211, May 17, 1982]

§ 153.979 Gauging with a sounding tube.

(a) No person may remove the cover of a sounding tube unless he has authorization from the person in charge of cargo transfer.

(b) The person in charge of cargo transfer may not authorize removal of the cover from a sounding tube gauge unless all tank pressure has been relieved through the tank's venting system.

§ 153.980 Isolation of automatic closing valves.

The person in charge of cargo transfer may isolate automatic closing valves described in §153.408(b) from a cargo containment system if the following conditions are met:

(a) The containment system carries products to which §153.408 does not apply.

(b) The valves are isolated by:

(1) Removing the valves; or

(2) Installing removable pipes and blind flanges to by-pass the valves.

[CGD 78–128, 47 FR 21211, May 17, 1982]

§ 153.981 Leaving room in tank for cargo expansion.

The person in charge of cargo transfer shall ensure that the amount of cargo in a tank does not exceed the tank's capacity at any ambient temperature between −18°C (approx. 0° F) and 46° C (approx. 115° F).

§ 153.983 Termination procedures.

Upon completion of the transfer operation, the person in charge of cargo transfer shall ensure that:

(a) The cargo transfer connections are closed off;

(b) The transfer lines and hoses are drained of cargo, either into the tank or back to the transfer terminal;

(c) Any electrical bonding between the vessel and the shore facility is broken only after the cargo hose is disconnected and all spills removed; and

(d) Each vent system is returned to its nonloading configuration.

SPECIAL CARGO PROCEDURES

§ 153.1000 Special operating requirements for cargoes reactive with water.

When Table 1 refers to this section, the master must ensure that the cargo:

(a) Is carried only in a containment system completely isolated from any systems containing water, such as slop tanks, ballast tanks, cargo tanks containing slops or ballast, their vent lines or piping; and

(b) Is separated by double walls, such as cofferdams and piping tunnels, from any system containing water, as for example those described in paragraph (a) of this section.

§ 153.1002 Special operating requirements for heat sensitive cargoes.

When Table 1 refers to this section, the master shall make sure that:

(a) The cargo temperature is maintained below the temperature that would induce polymerization, decomposition, thermal instability, evolution of gas or reaction of the cargo;

(b) Any heating coils in the cargo tank are blanked off; and

(c) The cargo is not carried in uninsulated deck tanks.

[CGD 78–128, 47 FR 21211, May 17, 1982]

§ 153.1003 Prohibited carriage in deck tanks.

When Table 1 refers to this section, cargoes may not be carried in deck tanks.

[CGD 95–900, 60 FR 34050, June 29, 1995]

§ 153.1004 Inhibited and stabilized cargoes.

(a) Before loading a cargo containment system with a cargo referenced to this section in Table 1, the person in charge of cargo transfer shall make sure that the cargo containment system is free of contaminants that could:

(1) Catalyze the polymerization or decomposition of the cargo; or

(2) Degrade the effectiveness of the inhibitor or stabilizer.

(b) The master shall make sure that the cargo is maintained at a temperature which will prevent crystallization or solidification of the cargo.

[CGD 78–128, 47 FR 21211, May 17, 1982]