§ 31.10–22 Notice and plans required.

(a) The master, owner, operator, or agent of the vessel shall notify the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, whenever the vessel is to be drydocked regardless of the reason for drydocking.

(b) Each vessel, except barges, that holds a Load Line Certificate must have on board a plan showing the vessel’s scantlings. This plan must be made available to the Coast Guard marine inspector whenever the vessel undergoes a drydock examination, internal structural examination, cargo tank internal examination, or underwater survey or whenever repairs are made to the vessel’s hull.

(c) Each barge that holds a Load Line Certificate must have a plan showing the vessel’s scantlings. The plan need not be maintained on board the barge but must be made available to the Coast Guard marine inspector whenever the barge undergoes a drydock examination, internal structural examination, cargo tank internal examination, or underwater survey or whenever repairs are made to the barge’s hull.

§ 31.10–24 Integral fuel oil tank examinations—T/ALL.

(a) Each fuel oil tank with at least one side integral to the vessel’s hull and located within the hull (integral fuel oil tank) is subject to inspection as provided in this section. The owner or operator shall arrange for an examination of the fuel tanks of each vessel during an internal structural examination at intervals not to exceed five years.

(b) Integral non-double-bottom fuel oil tanks need not be cleaned out and internally examined if the marine inspector is able to determine by external examination that the general condition of the tanks is satisfactory.

(c) Double-bottom fuel oil tanks on vessels less than 10 years of age need not be cleaned out and internally examined if the marine inspector is able to determine by external examination
that the general condition of the tanks is satisfactory.

(d) All double-bottom fuel oil tanks on vessels 10 years of age or older but less than 15 years of age need not be cleaned out and internally examined if the marine inspector is able to determine by internal examination of at least one forward double-bottom fuel oil tank, and by external examination of all other double-bottom fuel oil tanks on the vessel, that the general condition of the tanks is satisfactory.

(e) All double-bottom fuel oil tanks on vessels 15 years of age or older but less than 25 years of age need not be cleaned out and internally examined if the marine inspector is able to determine by internal examination of at least one forward, one amidships, and one aft double-bottom fuel oil tank, and by external examination of all other double-bottom fuel oil tanks on the vessel, that the general condition of the tanks is satisfactory.

(f) All double-bottom fuel oil tanks on vessels 25 years of age or older need not be cleaned out and internally examined if the marine inspector is able to determine by internal examination of at least one double-bottom fuel oil tank in way of each cargo tank, and by external examination of all other double-bottom fuel oil tanks, that the general condition of the tanks is satisfactory.

§ 31.10–25 Inspection covering repairs and alterations involving safety—TB/ALL.

No extensive alterations involving the safety of a tank vessel either in regard to hull or machinery shall be made without the approval of the Commandant. Before such alterations are carried out, copies of plans and specifications in triplicate for the work involved shall be forwarded to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, in whose zone the repairs will be made, for submission to Headquarters for approval. If approved one set of the plans and specifications, properly stamped and dated, shall be returned to the owner or to the repair yard designated by the owner; one set to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, who forwarded the plans and specifications to Headquarters; and one set shall be retained at Headquarters. If such plans and specifications are not approved, the Commandant shall promptly notify the owner or designated shipyard wherein they fail to comply with the regulations in this chapter. No extensive repairs to the hull or machinery which affect the safety of a vessel shall be made without the knowledge of the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

§ 31.10–30 Stability requirements—TB/ALL.

Each tank vessel must meet the applicable requirements in subchapter S of this chapter.

§ 31.10–32 Loading information—TB/ALL.

(a) This section applies to each tankship and tank barge the construction of which begins on or after September 6, 1977.

(b) Each tank vessel over 300 feet in length must have the loading information prescribed in either § 42.15–1(a) or § 45.105(a) of this chapter. For tank vessels subject to the Load Line Acts the information must be approved by the Commandant or by a recognized classification society that is approved by the Commandant. For tank vessels not subject to the Load Line Acts loading information must be approved by the Commandant. If the vessel is a tankship, the approved information must be provided to the master of the vessel. If the vessel is a tank barge, the information must be provided to the person in charge of handling the cargo during loading or off-loading of the barge.

§ 31.10–35 Permit to proceed to another port for repair—TB/ALL.

(a) The Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, may issue a permit to proceed to another port for repair, Form CG-948, to a vessel if in his judgment it can be done with safety even if the certificate of inspection of the vessel has expired or is about to expire.