§ 151.50–36 Argon or nitrogen.

(a) A cargo tank that contains argon or nitrogen and that has a maximum allowable working pressure of 172 kPa (25 psig) or greater must have one of the following arrangements:

1. A refrigeration system that keeps the tank pressure below the safety relief valve operating pressure when ambient temperatures are 46 °C (115 °F) air and 32 °C (90 °F) water.

2. A relief valve or pressure control valve that maintains the tank pressure below the setting of the tank’s required safety relief valve in ambient temperatures of 46 °C (115 °F) air and 32 °C (90 °F) water.

(b) A cargo tank with a maximum allowable working pressure of less than 172 kPa (25 psig) is approved by the Commandant (CG–522) on a case by case basis.

(c) Section 151.50–30 also applies to the carriage of argon or nitrogen.

§ 151.50–40 Additional requirements for carbon disulfide (carbon bisulfide) and ethyl ether.

(a) The provisions of this section are applicable if specifically referenced in the Special Requirements column of Table 151.05.

(b) Cargo tanks shall be electrically bonded to the hull of the vessel. A vessel shall be electrically bonded to the shore piping prior to connecting the cargo hose. This electrical bonding shall be maintained until after the cargo hose has been disconnected and any spillage has been removed.

(c) Pumps may be used for discharging cargo: Provided, That they are
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The vertical submerged type designed to avoid liquid pressure against the shaft gland and are suitable for use with the cargo.

(d) Provisions shall be made to maintain an inert gas padding in the cargo tank during loading, unloading and during transit.

(e) Provisions shall be made to prevent any leakage being washed into the waterways at the loading and unloading points.

(f) The special requirements of § 151.50–41 for carbon disulfide (carbon bisulfide) and § 151.50–42 for ethyl ether shall also be observed.


§ 151.50–41 Carbon disulfide (carbon bisulfide).

(a) All openings shall be in the top of the tank.

(b) Loading lines shall terminate near the bottom of the tank.

(c) A standard ullage opening shall be provided for secondary and emergency sounding.

(d) If a cargo discharge pump is used, it shall be inserted through a cylindrical well extending from the tank top to a point near the tank bottom. A blanket of water shall be formed in this well before attempting pump removal.

(e) Water or inert gas displacement may be used for discharging cargo provided the cargo system is designed for the expected pressure and temperature. This method for discharging may be used with pressure type tanks only.

(f) Adequate natural ventilation shall be provided for the voids around the cargo tanks while the vessel is underway. During loading and unloading, forced ventilation shall be used. The forced ventilation shall be of sufficient capacity to provide a complete change of air within each void space every 5 minutes. The ventilating fan shall be of nonsparking construction.

(g) Because of its low ignition temperature and the close clearances required to arrest its flame propagation, carbon disulfide (carbon bisulfide) requires safeguards beyond those required for any electrical hazard groups.

(b) The requirements of § 151.50–40 are also applicable to the shipment of carbon disulfide (carbon bisulfide).


§ 151.50–42 Ethyl ether.

(a)(1) Gravity tanks shall be designed and tested to meet the rules of the American Bureau of Shipping for a head of water at least 8 feet above the tank top or the highest level the lading may rise, whichever is greater. All openings shall be in the top of the tank.

(2) Pressure vessel type tanks shall be designed for the maximum pressure to which they may be subjected when pressure is used to discharge the cargo, but in no case shall the design pressure be less than 50 pounds per square inch gauge. All openings shall be in the top of the tank.

(b) Adequate natural ventilation shall be provided for the voids around the cargo tanks while the vessel is underway. If a power ventilation system is installed, all blowers shall be of nonsparking construction. Power driven ventilation equipment shall not be located in the void spaces surrounding the cargo tanks.

(c) Pressure relief valve settings shall not be less than 3 pounds per square inch gauge for gravity tanks. For pressure vessels, the relief valve setting shall not exceed the design pressure of the tank.

(d) Inert gas displacement may be used for discharging cargo from pressure vessel tanks provided the cargo system is designed for the expected pressure and the discharge pressure does not exceed 50 pounds per square inch gauge or the design pressure of the tank, whichever is less.

(e) No electrical equipment except for approved lighting fixtures shall be installed in enclosed spaces adjacent to the cargo tanks. Lighting fixtures must be approved for use in Class I, Group C, hazardous locations. The installation of electrical equipment on the weather deck shall comply with the requirements of part 111, subpart 111.105 of this chapter.