§ 153.106 Sodium chlorate solutions.
(a) No person may load sodium chlorate solutions into a containment system that previously carried another cargo unless the containment system is thoroughly washed before loading.
(b) The person in charge of cargo transfer shall make sure that spills of sodium chlorate solutions are immediately washed away.

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§ 153.108 Approval of Surveyors and Handling of Categories A, B, C, and D Cargo and NLS Residue

Source: CG D 81–101, 52 FR 7785, Mar. 12, 1987, unless otherwise noted.

§ 153.1100 Responsibility of the person in charge.
The person in charge of the ship shall ensure that—
(a) The requirements of §§ 153.1102 through 153.1132 are met; and
(b) The procedures in the approved Procedures and Arrangements Manual are followed.

§ 153.1101 Procedures for getting a Surveyor: Approval of Surveyors.
(a) At least 24 hours before a Surveyor is needed, the person wishing the services of a Surveyor must contact the Captain of the Port or the Sector Office that has jurisdiction over the port at which the Surveyor will be needed to—
1. Arrange for the Coast Guard to provide a Surveyor; or
2. Inform the Coast Guard of the selection of a Surveyor from one of the organizations accepted by the Coast Guard to provide Surveyors.
(b) Organizations may be accepted by the Coast Guard to provide Surveyors if they—
1. Are engaged, as a regular part of their business, in performing inspections or tests of bulk liquid cargo tanks or bulk liquid cargo handling equipment;
2. Are familiar with the references in § 153.0(b) and with the requirements of this part;
3. Are not controlled by the owners or operators of ships needing the services of the Surveyors or the facilities at which those ships would unload cargo;
4. Are not dependent on Coast Guard acceptance under this section to remain in business; and
5. Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Coast Guard.
(c) Each application for acceptance as a Surveyor must be submitted to the Commandant (CG–522) and must contain the following:
1. The name and address of the organization, including subsidiaries and divisions, requesting acceptance by the Coast Guard to provide Surveyors.
2. A statement that the organization is not controlled by the owners or operators of ships needing the services of Surveyors or the facilities at which these ships would unload, or a full disclosure of any ownership or controlling interest held by such parties.
3. A description of the experience and qualifications of the personnel who would be performing the function of Surveyor.
4. A statement that the persons who will be performing the function of Surveyor have been trained in and are familiar with the requirements of Annex II and the regulations in this part.
5. A statement that the Coast Guard may verify the information submitted in the application and may examine the persons who will be performing the function of Surveyor to determine their qualifications.
6. The acceptance of an organization may be terminated by the Commandant if the organization fails to properly perform or supervise the inspections required in this part.

§ 153.1102 Handling and disposal of NLS residue: Categories A, B, C, and D.
(a) Except those Category A NLS residues that must be discharged under paragraph (c) of this section, NLS residue from an NLS whose vapor pressure is 5 kPa (50 mbar) or less at 20 °C (68 °F) must be—

Note to paragraph (a): The Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act allows specific liquids to be discharged to the sea under permits issued by the EPA.
(1) Unloaded to any consignee;
(2) Returned to the shipper;
(3) Discharged to a reception facility;
(4) Retained on the ship; or
(5) Discharged to the sea under §153.1126 or §153.1128.

(b) Except those Category A NLS residues that must be discharged under paragraph (c) of this section, NLS residue from an NLS whose vapor pressure is greater than 5 kPa (50 mbar) at 20 °C must be—
(1) Handled in the same way as the NLS residue under paragraph (a) of this section; or
(2) Ventilated following a ventilation procedure in the approved Procedures and Arrangements Manual.

NOTE: The Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq) allows states to regulate emissions from tank ventilation. There may be other regulations, both local and Federal, that affect the use of tank ventilation for safety or environmental purposes.

(c) NLS residue containing Category A NLS in pumproom bilges and in spill trays at the manifold must be discharged to a reception facility.


§ 153.1104 Draining of cargo hose: Categories A, B, C, and D.

Before a cargo hose used in discharging an NLS from a ship’s cargo tank is disconnected, the hose must be drained back to the transfer terminal unless the tank unloading the cargo has a waiver under §153.483 or §153.491.


§ 153.1106 Cleaning agents.

No tank cleaning agent other than water or steam may be used to clean an NLS residue from a cargo tank except as prescribed in the approved Procedures and Arrangements Manual.

§ 153.1108 Heated prewash for solidifying NLS, high viscosity NLS and required prewashes of NLS whose viscosity exceeds 25 mPa sec at 20 °C: Categories A, B, and C.

(a) When a high viscosity or solidifying cargo is unloaded from a cargo tank, the cargo tank must be prewashed unless §153.1114 or paragraph (c) of this section allows the prewash to be omitted.

(b) When a prewash is required for a tank that has unloaded a solidifying cargo or a cargo having a viscosity exceeding 25 mPa sec at 20 °C, the wash water used in the prewash must leave the tank washing machine at a temperature of at least 60 °C (140 °F).

(c) The prewash required under paragraph (a) of this section may be omitted if the approved Procedures and Arrangements Manual contains a procedure for measuring the temperature of all interior cargo tank surfaces throughout unloading and under the measuring procedure the temperature of these surfaces remains above—
(1) The temperature of the cargo’s melting point if the cargo is a Category B or C solidifying NLS; or
(2) The temperature at which the cargo’s viscosity exceeds—
(i) 25 mPa.s, if the cargo is a high viscosity Category B NLS; or
(ii) 60 mPa.s, if the cargo is a high viscosity Category C NLS.


§ 153.1112 Prewash for tanks containing Category A NLS residue.

Unless §153.1114 allows the prewash to be omitted, a cargo tank that unloads a Category A NLS cargo must be prewashed following the procedures in §153.1120.

§ 153.1114 Conditions under which a prewash may be omitted: Categories A, B, and C.

A prewash required by this part may be omitted if one of the following requirements is met:
(a) A Surveyor has signed a statement in the Cargo Record Book that the next cargo has been determined to be one that may be loaded without washing the tank, and the tank is not washed or ballasted before it is loaded with the next cargo.
(b) A Surveyor has signed a statement in the Cargo Record Book that the approved Procedures and Arrangements Manual contains procedures for removing the NLS residue by ventilation, and the cargo tank is not washed or ballasted before being cleaned following the ventilation procedure.

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