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§ 127.315 Preliminary transfer inspection.

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(a) Inspect the transfer piping and equipment to be used during the transfer and replace any worn or inoperable parts;

(b) For each of the vessel’s cargo tanks from which cargo will be transferred, note the pressure, temperature, and volume to ensure they are safe for transfer;

(c) Review and agree with the person in charge of cargo transfer on the vessel to—

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(3) The duties, location, and watches of each person assigned for transfer operations; and

(4) Emergency procedures from the examined Emergency Manual;

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§ 127.311 Motor vehicles.

(a) The operator shall designate and mark parking spaces that—

(1) Do not block fire lanes;

(2) Do not impede any exits;

(3) Are not located in any impounding space; and

(4) Are not within 15 meters (49.2 feet) of any storage tank or loading flange.

(b) During transfer operations, no person may—

(1) Stop or park a motor vehicle in a space that is not designated a parking space; or

(2) Refuel any motor vehicle.

§ 127.313 Bulk storage.

(a) The operator shall ensure that only the following flammable materials are stored in the marine transfer area for LNG:

(1) LNG.

(2) LPG.

(3) Vessel fuel.

(4) Oil waste from vessels.

(5) Solvents, lubricants, paints, and other fuels in the amount used for one day’s operations and maintenance.

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