

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