

**§ 153.252 Special requirement for an independent cargo tank.**

When Table 1 refers to this section, the cargo tank must be an independent tank that meets §§ 38.05–2(d) and 38.05–4(g) of this chapter. (See also § 153.256(b)).

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**§ 153.254 Cargo tank access.**

(a) A cargo tank must have at least one covered manhole opening into the vapor space described in § 153.354.

(b) An access through a vertical cargo tank surface must be at least 60 cm by 80 cm (approx. 23.6 × 31.5 in.) and no more than 60 cm above a foothold grating, or surface on both sides of the access way.

(c) An access through a horizontal cargo tank surface must be at least 60 cm by 60 cm (approx. 23.6 × 23.6 in.).

(d) An access trunk must be no less than 76 cm (approx. 29.9 in.) in diameter.

**§ 153.256 Trunks, domes, and openings of cargo tanks.**

(a) The hatch of a cargo tank must:

(1) Be at the highest point of the tank; and

(2) Open on or above the weatherdeck.

(b) To be endorsed to carry a cargo requiring an independent cargo tank, a tank must have:

(1) A trunk or dome at the uppermost part of the tank, extending above the weatherdeck;

(2) Its hatch at the top of the trunk or dome; and

(3) No openings below the weatherdeck.

**§ 153.266 Tank linings.**

A tank lining must be:

(a) At least as elastic as the tank material; and

(b) Applied or attached to the tank as recommended by the lining manufacturer.

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**§ 153.280 Piping system design.**

(a) Each cargo piping system must meet the standards of Part 56 and

§§ 38.10–1(b), 38.10–1(e), and 38.10–10(a) of this chapter.

(b) Piping carrying cargo or cargo residue may not enter any machinery space except a cargo pumproom.

**§ 153.281 Piping to independent tanks.**

Piping for an independent cargo tank must penetrate the tank only through that part of the tank or dome extending above the weatherdeck.

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**§ 153.282 Cargo filling lines.**

The discharge point of a cargo tank filling line must be no higher above the bottom of the cargo tank or sump than 10 cm (approx. 4 in.) or the radius of the filling line, whichever is greater.

**§ 153.283 Valving for cargo piping.**

(a) Except as described in this section, a cargo line must have a deck operable, manual stop valve:

(1) In each tank which the line serves; and

(2) At each cargo hose connection point.

(b) The valve required by paragraph (a)(1) of this section may be in a cargo pumproom at the pumproom bulkhead if the cargo tank the cargo line serves is adjacent to the pumproom.

(c) The valve required by paragraph (a)(1) of this section may be on the weatherdeck if:

(1) The weatherdeck is the top of the tank;

(2) The line goes through the weatherdeck into the tank; and

(3) The valve is at the point where the line penetrates the weatherdeck.

(d) The valve required by paragraph (a)(1) of this section may be outside the tank if:

(1) The tank is an independent tank; and

(2) The valve is at the point where the line penetrates the tank.

(e) The discharge line of an intank cargo pump need not have the valve required by paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(f) If the cargo exerts a gravity head pressure on a valve required by this section, the valve must be a positive