§ 154.1810 Cargo manual.

(a) No person may operate a foreign flag vessel, whose flag administration does not issue IMO Certificates, on the navigable waters of the United States, or a U.S. flag vessel, unless the vessel has on board a cargo manual containing the following information:

(1) A description of each cargo carried, its handling hazards as a liquid or as a gas including frostbite or asphyxiation, its safety equipment and necessary first aid measures required by this part.

(2) A description of the dangers of asphyxiation from the inerting gases used on the vessel.

(3) The measures that mitigate embrittlement of steel structure in way of cargo leakage.

(4) The use of the firefighting systems on the vessel.

(5) The features of the cargo containment system that affect its operation and maintenance, including pressure and temperature ranges and relief valve settings.

(6) Pressures, temperatures, and liquid levels for all operations.

(7) General information derived from the first loading of the vessel.

(8) Alarm settings.

(9) Descriptions of the components of the cargo system, including the following:

(i) Liquid cargo system.

(ii) Liquid recirculating or condensate return system.

(iii) Cargo tank cool-down system.

(iv) Cargo tank warm-up or vaporization system.

(v) Gas main system.

(vi) Cargo tank or compressor relief system and blocked liquid or gas relief system.

(vii) Inerting system.

(viii) Boil-off gas compressor or reliquefaction system.

(ix) Gas detection systems.

(x) Alarm or safety indication systems.

(xi) Cargo jettisoning system.

(xii) The system for using boil-off gas as fuel.

(10) A description of cargo loading and discharge operations, including simultaneous handling of multigrades of cargo and ballast.

(11) A description of cargo operations during the voyage.

(12) A description of cargo tank cool-down and warm-up operations including purging with inert gas and air.

(13) A description of hull and cargo tank temperature monitoring systems.

(14) A description of gas detection systems and alarm or safety systems.

(15) A description of the following conditions and their symptoms, including emergency measures and corrective actions:

(i) Cargo or ballast valve malfunction.

(ii) Low cargo tank gas pressure.

(iii) High fill level shutdown.

(iv) Gas compressor shutdown.

(v) Hull cold spots.

(vi) Cargo piping leaks.

(vii) Primary or secondary barrier failure.

(viii) Hold boundary structural failure.

(ix) Fire in vent mast head.

(x) Reliquefaction plant failure.

(xi) Vaporizer malfunction or failure.

(xii) Piping or cargo valve freeze-up.

(16) Any other matters relating to operation of the cargo systems.

(17) The operational means to maintain the vessel in a condition of positive stability in accordance with the loading and stability manual under §154.1809 through all conditions of:

(i) Loading and deballasting; and

(ii) Unloading and ballasting.

(b) The master shall ensure that the cargo manual is kept up-to-date.

§ 154.1812 Operational information for terminal personnel.

The master shall ensure that terminal personnel are told the operational information required by §154.1810(a)(17).

§ 154.1814 Cargo information cards.

(a) No person may operate a vessel unless a cargo information card for each cargo being transported is carried either in the wheelhouse, in the ship's
(b) When a vessel is moored at a terminal, the master shall ensure that a set of information cards is in the possession of the terminal’s person in charge of cargos transfer operations.

(c) Each card must be at least 17 cm \(\times\) 24 cm (6 3/4 in. \(\times\) 9 1/2 in.), have printing on one side only, and must contain the following information about the cargo:

1. Name as listed in Table 4.
2. Appearance.
3. Odor.
4. Safe handling procedures, including special handling instructions, and handling hazards.
5. Procedures to follow in the event of spills, leaks, or uncontrolled cargo release.
6. Procedures to be followed if a person is exposed to the cargo.
7. Firefighting procedures and materials.

§ 154.1816 Cargo location plan.

The master shall ensure that:

(a) A cargo location plan is prepared that gives:
   1. The location and number of each cargo tank; and
   2. The name of the cargo in each tank;

(b) One cargo location plan is kept with the sets of cargo information cards required under §154.1814; and

(c) The cargo names in the cargo location plan do not differ from the names of the cargoes listed in Table 4.

§ 154.1818 Certification of inhibition.

(a) Except as provided in §154.1740(b), no person may operate a vessel carrying butadiene or vinyl chloride without having written certification from the shipper that the product is inhibited.

(b) The certification required by this section must contain the following information:

1. The name and concentration of the inhibitor.
2. The date the inhibitor was added.
3. The expected duration of the inhibitor’s effectiveness.
4. Any temperature limitations qualifying the inhibitor’s effective lifetime.

5. The action to be taken if the time of the voyage exceeds the inhibitor’s lifetime.

§ 154.1820 Shipping document.

No person may operate a vessel without carrying a shipping document in the wheelhouse that lists for each cargo on board:

(a) The cargo tank in which the cargo is stowed;

(b) The name of the shipper;

(c) The location of the loading terminal;

(d) The cargo name as listed in Table 4; and

(e) The approximate quantity of the cargo.

§ 154.1822 Shipping document: Copy for transfer terminal.

While a vessel is moored at a transfer terminal, the master shall ensure that at least one copy of the shipping document is given to the terminal’s person in charge of cargo transfer.

§ 154.1824 Obstruction of pumproom ladderways.

The master shall ensure that each cargo pumproom access is unobstructed.

§ 154.1826 Opening of cargo tanks and cargo sampling.

(a) The master shall ensure that each cargo tank opening is fully closed at all times.

(b) The master may authorize the opening of a cargo tank:

1. During tank cleaning; and

2. To sample a cargo that Table 4 allows to be carried in a containment system having a restricted gauging system if:
   (i) The cargo tank is not being filled during sampling;
   (ii) The vent system has relieved any pressure in the tank; and
   (iii) The person sampling the cargo wears protective clothing.

(c) The master shall ensure that cargoes requiring closed gauging as listed in Table 4 are sampled only through the controlled sampling arrangement of the cargo tank.