

**§ 98.30-13**

**§ 98.30-13 Ground connection.**

No person may transfer an inflammable or combustible product to or from a vessel unless—

(a) The portable tank and its pumping equipment is electrically grounded to the hull of the vessel; and

(b) The vessel is electrically grounded to an offshore platform, shore piping, or another vessel by a—

(1) Cargo hose constructed with an integral grounding wire if the end connections are used for electrical continuity; or

(2) Separate grounding that is maintained until the cargo hose is disconnected and drained.

**§ 98.30-14 Requirements for ships carrying NLSs in portable tanks.**

(a) The person in charge of a ship, except a ship under subpart 98.31 of this chapter, that carries an NLS in a portable tank shall ensure that—

(1) The ship's Certificate of Inspection is endorsed with the name of the NLS;

(2) Any letters issued by the Commandant (G-MSO) prescribing additional conditions for endorsement are attached; and

(3) Each operating requirement specified in writing by Commandant (G-MSO) as a condition for endorsement is met.

(b) To have a ship's Certificate of Inspection endorsed to allow the carriage of NLSs in portable tanks, the—

(1) Owner of the ship must make a request to the Commandant (G-MSO) following the procedures for requesting alternatives in §153.10(a) of this chapter; and

(2) The ship must meet any design and equipment requirements specified in writing as a condition for the endorsement by the Commandant (G-MSO).

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**§ 98.30-15 Leakage containment.**

(a) No person may transfer a product to or from a vessel unless there is a container or enclosed deck area that

meets the requirements of this section under or around each transfer connection area.

(b) Each container or enclosed deck area must hold, in all conditions of vessel list or trim to be encountered during the transferring operation, 5 gallons or more and must have a means of draining or removing any leakage without mixing incompatible products or discharging into the water.

**§ 98.30-17 Qualifications of person in charge.**

(a) The operator or agent of each vessel shall designate the person in charge of a transfer of liquid cargo in bulk to or from a portable tank.

(b) Each person designated as person in charge of a transfer of liquid cargo in bulk to or from a portable tank shall—

(1) On a tank barge, hold a "Tankerman-PIC", restricted "Tankerman-PIC", "Tankerman-PIC (Barge)", or restricted "Tankerman-PIC (Barge)" merchant mariner's document authorizing transfer of the classification of cargo involved;

(2) On a self-propelled tank vessel, or on a tankship, carrying oil or hazardous material in bulk, hold a valid license or certificate authorizing service as a master, mate, pilot, engineer, or operator aboard that vessel, and a Tankerman-PIC or a restricted Tankerman (PIC) endorsement on his or her MMD.

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**§ 98.30-19 Supervision by person in charge.**

(a) No person may connect, top off, disconnect, or engage in any other critical product transfer operation unless the person in charge designated in §98.30-17, personally supervises the operation.

(b) No person may start the flow of a product to or from a portable tank unless instructed to do so by the person in charge.

(c) No person may transfer a product to or from a portable tank unless the person in charge is in the immediate vicinity of the transfer operation and immediately available to the person transferring the product.