

§ 126.16

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cargo vessels and carfloats; cargo, freight, merchandise or other material is placed on the waterfront facility in accordance with the following:

(1) At least two feet of clear and open space shall be maintained free of rubbish, dunnage, or other obstructions between cargo, freight, merchandise, or other material piles and both sides of the walls of the waterfront facility, fire walls or fire stops in enclosed waterfront facilities. This distance shall be measured from the most prominent projection of the wall such as studding, bracings, or other obstructions that are part of the structure. In an unenclosed facility, 2 feet of clear and open space shall be maintained free of rubbish, dunnage, or other obstructions between cargo, freight, merchandise or other materials and the sides of the pier.

(2) Inflammable or combustible cargo, freight, merchandise or material, not including bulk cargo, shall not be tiered higher than 12 feet. All cargo, freight, merchandise or other materials including inflammable or combustible cargo, freight, merchandise or materials shall be so tiered as to maintain a clearance between the upper level of the top tier and trusses, beams, girders, or other structural members of not less than 36", and between such upper level and sprinkler heads a clearance of at least 12" shall be maintained.

(3) There shall be maintained at least four feet of clear and open operating space around any fire alarm box, stand-pipe, fire hose, sprinkler valve, fire door, deck hatch, or first-aid fire appliance.

(4) When first-aid fire appliances, alarm boxes, other safety equipment or deck hatches are located in a space surrounded by cargo, freight, merchandise, or other materials, there shall be maintained a straight, free, and open space at least three feet in width running therefrom to the center aisle. This space shall be kept clear of all rubbish, dunnage, and other obstruction.

(5) A main aisle of at least twenty feet in width shall be maintained the entire length of the waterfront facility if control of fire requires trucks to come on the pier. The aisle may be reduced to eight feet in width if such access by fire trucks is not required.

(6) Cross aisles, at least five (5) feet wide and straight shall be maintained at intervals not exceeding seventy-five (75) feet, and extending to the side of the waterfront facility.

(n) *Adequacy of guarding, fire extinguishing equipment, and lighting.* That the word "adequate", as used in paragraphs (a), (j), and (l) of this section with respect to guarding, fire extinguishing equipment, and lighting, respectively, means that determination which a reasonable person would make under the circumstances of the particular case. Unless there is gross non-compliance, the judgment and determination of the operator of the facility will be acceptable as fulfilling the requirements unless and until the Captain of the Port inspects the facility and notifies the operator thereof in writing in what respect the guarding, fire extinguishing equipment, or lighting, is deemed inadequate and affords such operator an opportunity to correct the deficiency.

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§ 126.16 Conditions for designating a "facility of particular hazard."

(a) *Basic requirements.* The facility shall comply with all the conditions in §126.15 except where specifically waived by §126.11.

(b) *Warning alarms.* Warning alarms shall be installed at the waterside of such a facility to warn approaching or transiting water traffic of immediate danger in the event of fire or cargo release. Warning alarms shall be of the siren type, or the emergency rotating flashing light type, and be of sufficient intensity to be heard, or seen, a distance of 1 mile during normal facility working conditions. The alarm signal shall not conflict with local municipal prescription.

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