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and speed of the vessel as necessary to assist the tanker in navigation within the safety zone.

(c) Whenever a tanker enters the safety zone, the Vessel Traffic Supervisor shall advise the tanker of the position of each other vessel moored, anchored, or underway in the safety zone.

**§ 150.311 Radio listening watch.**

Whenever a tanker is in the safety zone, the Vessel Traffic Supervisor and the master of the tanker shall each continuously monitor the radio frequency designated in the Operation Manuals for use by tankers and support vessels underway at the port, except when transmitting on that frequency.

**§ 150.313 Clearances for tankers.**

(a) The Vessel Traffic Supervisor may not clear a tanker to enter the safety zone unless:

(1) Each other tanker underway in the safety zone is at least 5 miles from the tanker requesting clearance to enter the safety zone; and

(2) A Mooring Master is on board or ready to board at a position in the designated safety fairway that will permit completion of boarding before the tanker enters the safety zone.

(b) The Vessel Traffic Supervisor may not clear a tanker to moor at a SPM unless:

(1) There is a SPM berth available and the Vessel Traffic Supervisor has assigned that berth to the tanker;

(2) The visibility in the safety zone is at least two miles;

(3) All operating conditions prescribed in the Operation Manuals for mooring to a SPM have been met; and

(4) A Mooring Master and an Assistant Mooring Master are on board.

(c) The Vessel Traffic Supervisor may not clear a tanker to depart from a SPM unless the visibility in the safety zone is at least two miles and a Mooring Master is on board.

(d) No tanker may enter the safety zone or moor at or depart from a SPM, unless the master of the tanker has obtained clearance from the Vessel Traffic Supervisor, except as permitted by paragraph (e) of this section.

(e) A tanker may, in an emergency, for the protection of life or property, depart from a SPM without clearance

from the Vessel Traffic Supervisor if the master advises the Vessel Traffic Supervisor of the circumstances, by radio, at the earliest possible moment.

**§ 150.315 Clearances for support vessels.**

(a) The Vessel Traffic Supervisor shall direct support vessel movements within the safety zone.

(b) The Vessel Traffic Supervisor may clear support vessels to enter or depart the safety zone at any point.

**§ 150.317 Clearances for other vessels.**

(a) When requested by the master of a vessel other than a tanker or support vessel, the Vessel Traffic Supervisor shall furnish information concerning other vessels underway or moored in the safety zone.

(b) If the Vessel Traffic Supervisor determines that a vessel other than a tanker or support vessel may be standing into danger with respect to any vessel or part of the deepwater port installation in the safety zone, the Vessel Traffic Supervisor shall attempt to inform the master of that vessel by radio or other means.

(c) Except in situations involving force majeure, the Vessel Traffic Supervisor shall not clear a vessel other than a tanker or support vessel to enter the safety zone of a deepwater port for any purpose that would interfere with the purpose of the deepwater port; endanger the safety of life, property, or the environment; or otherwise be prohibited by regulation.

**§ 150.333 Advance notice of arrival.**

(a) The master of a tanker bound for a deepwater port shall report the following information to the Captain of the Port and the Vessel Traffic Supervisor of the port at least 24 hours before entering the safety zone at the port:

(1) The name, gross tonnage, and draft of the tanker.

(2) The type and amount of cargo on board.

(3) Any conditions on the vessel that may impair the navigation of the vessel, such as fire, malfunctioning propulsion machinery or steering equipment, or limitations on navigational or

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radiotelephone capabilities because of equipment or material malfunctions.

(4) Any leaks, structural damage, or machinery malfunctions that may impair cargo transfer operations or cause a discharge of oil.

(5) The estimated time of arrival at the deepwater port safety zone.

(b) If the information reported in paragraph (a)(3), (a)(4), or (a)(5) of this section changes at any time before entering the safety zone, or while the tanker is in the safety zone, the master of the tanker shall report the changes to the Captain of the Port and Vessel Traffic Supervisor as soon as possible.

**§ 150.335 Report before entering safety zone.**

The master of a tanker bound for a deepwater port shall notify the Vessel Traffic Supervisor of the port when the tanker is 20 miles from the entrance to the safety zone.

**§ 150.337 Navigation of tankers in the safety zone.**

(a) A tanker must not enter or depart a safety zone except via a designated safety fairway, unless under force majeure.

(b) A tanker must not anchor in the safety zone except in a designated anchorage area unless under force majeure.

(c) A tanker underway in a safety zone must keep at least 5 miles behind any other tanker underway ahead of it in the safety zone.

(d) A tanker must not operate, anchor, or be moored in any area of the safety zone in which the net underkeel clearance would be less than 5 feet.

**§ 150.338 Navigation of support vessels in the safety zone.**

(a) A support vessel must not enter or move within the safety zone unless

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the movement is cleared by the Vessel Traffic Supervisor.

(b) A support vessel must not anchor in the safety zone, except in an anchorage area or for support vessel maintenance operations cleared by the Vessel Traffic Supervisor.

**§ 150.339 Navigation of other vessels in the safety zone.**

Vessels other than tankers or support vessels should not enter the safety zone of a deepwater port unless clearance has been obtained from the Vessel Traffic Supervisor.

**§ 150.341 Mooring Master.**

A tanker must not be underway in the safety zone unless a Mooring Master is on board.

NOTE: The Mooring Master advises the master of the tanker on operational and ship control matters that are peculiar to the specific deepwater port, such as navigational aids, depth and current characteristics of the maneuvering area, mooring equipment and procedures, and the port's vessel traffic control procedures.

**§ 150.342 Assistant Mooring Master.**

A tanker must not moor at a SPM unless an Assistant Mooring Master is on board.

NOTE: The Assistant Mooring Master is stationed on the forecastle of the tanker during mooring operations to assist the Mooring Master by reporting position approach data relative to the SPM and to advise the tanker personnel in handling of mooring equipment peculiar to the deepwater port.

**§ 150.345 Regulated vessel activities.**

(a) Vessel activities permitted and prohibited at deepwater ports, controls on those activities, and the specific safety zone areas in which the controls apply are listed in Table 150.345(a).

TABLE 150.345(A)—REGULATED VESSEL ACTIVITIES AT DEEPWATER PORTS

Regulated vessel activities	Safety zone		
	Areas to be avoided around each PPC and SPM <sup>1</sup>	Anchorage area	Remaining portion of safety zone
Tankers calling at port .....	C	C	C
Support vessel movements .....	C	C	C
Transit by vessels other than tankers or support vessels .....	N	P	P
Mooring to SPM by vessels other than tankers or support vessels .....	F		
Anchoring by vessels other than tankers or support vessels .....	N	F or P	N