

**§ 153.934**

(b) This section applies during the following operations:

- (1) Sampling cargo.
- (2) Transferring cargo.
- (3) Making or breaking cargo hose connections.
- (4) Gauging a cargo tank, unless gauging is by closed system.
- (5) Opening cargo tanks.

(c) Coveralls or lab aprons may be replaced by splash suits or aprons constructed of light weight or disposable materials if, in the judgment of the master—

- (1) Contact with the cargo being handled is likely to occur only infrequently and accidentally; and
- (2) The splash suit or apron is disposed of immediately after contamination.

(d) Splash protective eyewear must be tight-fitting chemical-splash goggles, face shields, or similar items intended specifically for eye protection from chemical splashing or spraying.

(e) The master shall ensure that each person in the vicinity of an operation listed in paragraph (b) of this section or in the vicinity of tanks, piping, or pumps being used to transfer the cargo wears splash protective eyewear under paragraph (d) of this section.

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**§ 153.934 Entry into spaces containing cargo vapor.**

(a) No person may enter a cargo tank, cargo handling space, pumproom or enclosed space in the cargo area without the permission of the master.

(b) Before permitting anyone to enter a cargo tank, cargo handling space, pumproom or other enclosed space in the cargo area, the master shall make sure that:

- (1) The space is free of toxic vapors and has sufficient oxygen to support life; or
- (2) Those entering the space wear protective equipment with self-contained breathing apparatus as described in §153.214(b) and an officer closely supervises the entire operation.

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**§ 153.935 Opening of tanks and cargo sampling.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the master shall ensure that all cargo tank hatches, ullage openings, and tank cleaning openings are tightly closed at all times.

(b) The master may not authorize the opening of a cargo tank, except:

- (1) To clean a tank;
- (2) To transfer a cargo that Table 1 allows in a containment system having an open gauging system;
- (3) To sample a cargo that Table 1 allows in a containment system having an open gauging system; or
- (4) To sample a cargo that Table 1 allows in a containment system having a restricted gauging system if:

- (i) The tank is not being filled during sampling;
- (ii) The vent system has relieved any pressure in the tank;
- (iii) The person sampling the cargo wears the protective clothing required during cargo transfer; and
- (iv) The tank is closed tightly following sampling.

(c) The master shall make sure that cargoes requiring closed gauging are sampled only through the controlled sampling arrangement required by §153.404(d).

[CGD 73-96, 42 FR 49027, Sept. 26, 1977, as amended by CGD 78-128, 47 FR 21210, May 17, 1982]

**§ 153.935a Storage of cargo samples.**

(a) The master shall make sure that any cargo samples are stored in:

- (1) A designated and ventilated space in the cargo area of the vessel; or
- (2) An area approved by the Commandant (G-MSO) or the tankship's flag administration for the stowage of cargo samples.

(b) The master shall make sure that cargo sample bottles are stored:

- (1) In a way that prevents shifting of the sample bottles when the vessel is at sea;
- (2) In bins or containers constructed of materials that are resistant to the cargo samples; and