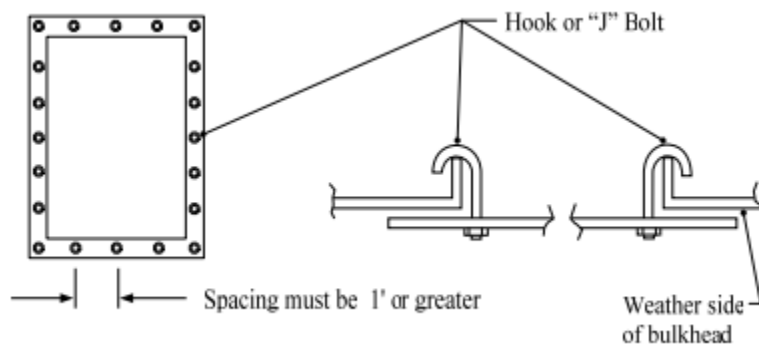


## MEASUREMENT ORGANIZATION INFORMATIONAL NOTES - 09/16/2021

**TEMPORARY COVERS** During recent oversight activities, the Marine Safety Center identified multiple temporary cover configurations not authorized under § 69.117(d) of MTN 01-99 CH-10 that are considered a means of closing otherwise qualifying openings, and preclude progression of open space. One configuration involved a cover plate secured by hook bolts that were not spaced at least one foot apart as required under § 69.117(d)(5)(i). Another had alternate covers (e.g., sliding doors, hinged doors, or expandable partitions) prohibited under § 69.117(d)(6')(v). As a reminder, tonnage openings and associated tonnage opening cover plates are required to be verified during an onboard survey in accordance with § 1.4(e) of MTN 01-98 CH-13. This includes verification that covers meet configuration requirements and that no battening, caulking, seals or gaskets of any material are present. Additionally, anything affixed to a temporary cover – such as excess paint – must not hinder the removal of the cover; and removal of fasteners used to hold a cover in place must result in the cover “falling free”.



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