United States Coast Guard



FOREIGN CHEMICAL TANKER EXAMINER Job Aid

Name of Vessel		Flag	
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IMO Number		Case Num	ber
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Date Completed	Priority		Points
Location			
Vessel Built in Compliance with SOLAS: 60 74 74/78		74 74/78 NA	
Port State Control Off	icer & Exam	iners	
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Use of Foreign Chemical Tanker Examiner Job Aid:

This examination book is intended to be used as a job aid by Coast Guard port state control officers during boardings of foreign-flagged chemical tank vessels. Each book contains an extensive list of possible examination items. It is not, however, the Coast Guard's intention to "inspect" all items listed. As a port state responsibility, port state control officers must verify that the vessels and their crews are in substantial compliance with international conventions and applicable US laws. The depth and scope of the examination must be determined by the port state control officers based on their observations.

This PQS workbook cites SOLAS regulations from the 2020 Consolidated Edition (74 SOLAS (20). In some cases, the regulations in 74 SOLAS (20) may not apply due to the keel laid date of the vessel. PSC personnel must pay close attention to the applicability dates of the SOLAS chapters and regulations when conducting PSC exams.

This document does not establish or change Federal laws or regulations. References given are only general guides. Refer to IMO publications, CFR's, the Port State Control Job Aid, Foreign Chemical Tanker Training Aid, NVIC's and any locally produced cite guides for specific regulatory references.

NOTE: Guidance on how to examine foreign chemical tank vessels can be found in MSM Volume II, Section D, Chapter 6: Procedures Applicable to Foreign Tank Vessels.

Guide to Examinations:

Pre-inspection Items

Review MISLE records

Post-inspection Items

- Issue letters/certificates to vessel
 - Form A
 - Form B
 - COC
- Obtain copies of forms to be issued
- Complete MISLE entries within 48 hours

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Section 1: Inspection Items

Pre-Examination

1.	Schedule examination in Maritime Inform Enforcement (MISLE)	nation for Safety and Law
	Review vessel particulars	MSM I/12.G.5
	 Verify documents are current in MISLE and there are no overdue examinations 	MSM I/12.G.5
	Review special notes pertaining to alternative design arrangements	MSM I/12.G.5
	 Verify status of user fees 	46 CFR 2.10-125
	Determine if cargo operations are permitted prior to COC exam	MS-73/D.6.C
	Prepare Certificate of Compliance	MS-73/D.6.C.1.e(2) 46 USC 3711
2.	Conduct meeting with vessel's represent examination	tative to discuss scope of the
	Coordinate testing procedures	MS-73/D.6.C.4 MS-73/D.6.C.6.f(1)(e)
	Certificates and De	ocuments
3.	Examine cargo documentation	
	Verify presence of IBC code	IBC Code 16.2.1
	Verify cargoes listed on shipping documents use IBC code names	IBC Code 16.2.2
	Verify content of cargo stowage plan	46 CFR 153.907 IBC Code 16.2.3.1
	Verify cargo compatibility utilizing cargo stowage plan	46 CFR 150 Figure 1 46 CFR 150 Table 1
	 Verify presence of certificate of stabilization or inhibition (when applicable) 	46 CFR 153.912 IBC Code 15.13.3 IBC Code 16.2.3.2
	 Verify cargoes carried are approved for carriage on the International Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (CoF) 	IBC Code Appendix

4.	Examine Certificate of Fitness (CoF) for the carriage of dangerous chemicals in bulk	
	Verify presence	IBC Code 1.5.4
	Verify validity	IBC Code 1.5.3 IBC Code 1.5.6
	Verify form	IBC Code 1.5.4.2 IBC Code Appendix
5.	Examine International Pollution Prever Noxious Liquid Substances (IPPC-NLS	
	Verify presence	46 CFR 153.9(a) MARPOL II/9.1
	Verify validity	MARPOL II/10
	Verify contents	MARPOL II/9.4 MARPOL II/Appendix III
6.	Examine Tank Vessel Response Plan	(TVRP)
	Verify presence	33 CFR 155.1015 33 CFR 155.1025
	Verify validity	33 CFR 155.1065(c)
	Verify contents	33 CFR 155.1030 33 CFR 155.1035
		33 CFR 155.1045
7.	Examine Certificate of Protection	
	Verify contents	46 CFR 153.912 IBC Code 15.13.3
	Verify systems are suitable for carriage of cargoes	IBC Code 15.13.2 IBC Code 15.13.4 IBC Code 15.13.7
		1DC Code 15.13.7

Logs and Manuals

8.	Examine Cargo Record Book	
	Verify presence	46 CFR 153.490(a)(1) MARPOL II/15.1
		MARPOL II/15.5
	Verify validity and contents	46 CFR 153.909 MARPOL II/15.2 & 15.3
		MARPOL II/15.4
	 Verify presence of completed books 	46 CFR 153.909(e) MARPOL II/15.5
	Verify form	46 CFR 153.490(a)(1) MARPOL II/Appendix II
9.	Examine Shipboard Marine Pollution En	nergency Plan (SMPEP)
	Verify presence	MARPOL II/17.1 MARPOL II/17.3
	Verify validity	MARPOL II/17.1
	Verify contents	MARPOL II/17.2
10.	Examine Procedures & Arrangements (I	P&A) Manual
	Verify presence	46 CFR 153.490(a)(2) MARPOL II/14.1
		MS-74/E.1.E.3.b
	Verify validity	MARPOL II/14.1 MS-74/E.1.E.2.e.2
	Verify contents	46 CFR 153.490(b) MARPOL II/14.2
		MARPOL II/Appendix IV
11.	Examine cargo/ballast operations manual	als
	Verify validity of operations manual	33 CFR 157.208 33 CFR 157.216
		33 CFR 157.224
	Verify presence of instruction manual	33 CFR 157.23(a)
	Verify format and contents of instruction manual	33 CFR 157.23(b)

12. Ex	kamine inert gas manual(s)	
•	Verify presence	SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.5.2 FSS Code 15.2.2.5 NVIC 02-88
•	Verify contents	SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.5.1.1 FSS Code 15.2.2.5 MS-72/C.5.C.11
	Lifesaving Equip	ment
13. Ex	kamine lifeboats	
•	Verify equipped with a self- contained air support system	SOLAS 20 III/31.1.6 LSA Code 4.8
•	Verify equipped with fire protection systems	SOLAS 20 III/31.1.7 LSA Code 4.9
14. Ex	kamine emergency equipment	
•	Verify presence of emergency escape equipment	46 CFR 153.527 IBC Code 14.3.1
•	Verify presence of stretcher	46 CFR 153.214(a) IBC Code 14.3.3
•	Witness operation of decontamination stations	46 CFR 153.216(b) & (c) IBC Code 14.3.4
•	Verify presence of protective clothing	SOLAS 20 VII/10.1 IBC Code 14.2.1, .2 & .3
	Fire Fighting Sys	tems
15. Ex	kamine water spray system	
•	Verify coverage	46 CFR 153.530(p) IBC Code 15.8.29
•	Witness automatic operation	46 CFR 153.530(p)(1) MS-75/F.3.F.27
•	Verify system has 02 remote manual actuators	46 CFR 153.530(p)(2) IBC Code 15.8.29

16. Ex	xamine fixed deck foam system	
•	Verify presence	IBC Code 11.3.1, .3, .9, .10 & .16
•	Verify operation of fire main isolation valves	IBC Code 11.3.11 FSS Code 14.2.3.4
•	Verify foam monitors and applicators are capable of delivering foam	IBC Code 11.3.3 IBC Code 11.3.7, .8 & .10 FSS Code 14.2.3.2 & .3
•	Witness operational test of foam monitors	IBC Code 11.3.3 & .5 IBC Code 11.3.8 & .12
		FSS Code 14.2.3.2.2
•	Verify location of main operation station	IBC Code 11.3.4
•	Verify foam type (polar/non-polar) is compatible with cargoes	IBC Code 11.3.2 MS-73/D.6.B.3
17. Ex	kamine additional personal fire fighting	equipment
•	Verify additional fire fighting outfits	SOLAS 20 II-2/10.10.2.3 IBC Code 14.2
•	Verify additional breathing apparatuses and charges	SOLAS 20 II-2/10.10.1 &.2 SOLAS 20 VII/10.1
		IBC Code 14.2
	Electrical Syste	ms
18. Ex	kamine components installed in design	ated hazardous locations
•	Identify hazardous location(s)	46 CFR 111.105-1 46 CFR 153.466
		IBC Code 10
•	Verify fixtures are appropriate	SOLAS 20 II-1/45.5.4 SOLAS 20 II-1/45.11
		IBC Code 10
•	Verify system integrity	IBC Code 10 IBC Code 11.3.15

Pollution Prevention

Ш	19. Examine containment on deck		
	Verify adequate containment	33 CFR 155.310(a) 33 CFR 156.120(n)	
	 Verify adequate peripheral cargo deck coamings 	33 CFR 155.310(c)(4) 33 CFR 156.120(n)	
	 Verify means of drainage 	33 CFR 155.310(a)(2) 33 CFR 156.120(o)	
	 Verify mechanical means of closing drain(s) or scupper(s) 	33 CFR 155.310(a)(3) 33 CFR 156.120(o)	
	Topside Equipm	nent	
	20. Examine access to bow and emergency	towing arrangements	
	Verify safe access	SOLAS 20 II-1/3-3.2 ICLL 25(4) & 26(2)	

- Verify emergency towing procedures
- Verify design is approved by Administration

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SOLAS 20 II-1/3-4.1 33 CFR 155.235 SOLAS 20 II-1/3-4.2 33 CFR 155.235

SOLAS 20 II-1/3-4.1.2 & 4.1.3

33 CFR 155.235

Cargo Systems

21. E	xamine cargo tank venting arrangeme	nts
•	Verify materiel condition	SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.3 IBC Code 8.2
•	Verify condition of flame screens and arresters	SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.3.3 IBC Code 8.3.6 - 8.3.7
		MS-73/D.6.B.4 & MS- 75/F.3.F.17
•	Verify operation of permanently attached closures (when applicable)	ICLL 20 IBC Code 8.3.1, .2 & .8
•	Verify height of tank venting system	46 CFR 153.350 - 153.353 SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.3.4 & 11.6.2.
		IBC Code 8.3.4.1 & 8.3.5
•	Verify horizontal distance from air intakes and openings	46 CFR 153.350 - 150.351 SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.3.4.1 & 11.6.2.2
		IBC Code 8.3.4.2
•	Verify operation of visual indicators (when applicable)	SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.3.2.2 SOLAS 20 II-2/11.6.3.3
•	Verify presence of blank flanges (when applicable)	SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.3.5
•	Verify operation of pressure/vacuum valves	SOLAS 20 II-2/11.6.1
•	Verify operation of vapor line pressure sensors and alarms	SOLAS 20 II-2/11.6.3.2
22. E	xamine cargo pump room	
•	Verify operation of ventilation	SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.4.1 IBC Code 12.1 & .2
•	Verify lighting/ventilation interlock	SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.10.1.2
•	Verify operation of hydrocarbon gas monitoring system	SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.10.1.3
•	Verify operation of bilge monitoring devices	SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.10.1.4
•	Verify electrical equipment	46 CFR 153.466 SOLAS 20 II-1/45.11
		IBC Code 10.1.5, 11.3.15 & 12.1.8
•	Verify fixed fire extinguishing system	SOLAS 20 II-2/10.9.1 & .2 IBC Code 11.2 & 12

23. Examine designated observation area (v	vhen applicable)
 Verify location 	33 CFR 157.13(a)
 Verify means to stop discharge of effluent 	33 CFR 157.13(b)(2)
Verify communications	33 CFR 157.13)b)(2)
24. Examine liquid cargo transfer systems	
 Examine condition of piping and hose(s) 	33 CFR 155.800
 Verify operation of cargo pump remote shutdown devices 	33 CFR 156.170(c)(5) IBC Code 5.6.1.3
 Verify pumps, valves and pipelines are marked 	33 CFR 155.800 IBC Code 3.6
 Verify transfer equipment tests and inspections 	33 CFR 156.170(c) IBC Code 5.4 & 5.7
25. Examine Vapor Control System (VCS)	
Examine drain lines	46 CFR 39.2001(d)
Verify electrically bonded	46 CFR39.2001(c)
 Verify system can be Isolated from Inert Gas System 	46 CFR 39.2001(e)
 Verify presence of isolation valve and indicator 	46 CFR 39.2001(g)
 Verify markings on vapor piping 	46 CFR 39.2001(h)
 Verify presence of flange stud 	46 CFR 39.2001(j)
 Verify closed gauging system (when applicable) 	46 CFR 39.2003(a)
 Examine approval letter (when applicable) 	46 CFR 39.1015 MS-73/D.6.B.2
26. Examine high/low vapor pressure protect	tion
 Verify pressure indicator for main vapor collection line 	46 CFR 39.20-13(a) 46 CFR 153.372
Verify operation of pressure alarms	46 CFR 39.20-13(b) 46 CFR 153.438

27.	Ex	camine tank liquid high level and overf	ill protection
	•	Verify overfill alarms	46 CFR 39.20-7(a), 153.408(a) & 153.409 SOLAS 20 II-2/11.6.3.1 IBC Code 15.19
	•	Verify high level alarm settings	46 CFR 39.20-7(c)(1) 46 CFR 153.409(a)
	•	Witness operational test of audible and visual alarm indicators	46 CFR 39.20-7(c)(3) & (d)(2) 46 CFR 153.408(e)
			46 CFR 153.409(b)
	•	Verify high level alarm markings	46 CFR 39.20-7(c)(2) 46 CFR 153.409(d)
	•	Verify tank overfill alarm markings	46 CFR 39.20-7(d)(3) 46 CFR 153.408(d)
28.	Ex	camine fixed/portable vapor detection	instruments
	•	Verify operation of flammable vapor detection device	SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.7.1 IBC Code 13.2
	•	Verify operation of toxic vapor detection device	IBC Code 13.2
	•	Verify operation of oxygen content device	SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.7.2.1 FSS Code 16.2.2.3.2
	•	Verify operation of fixed gas sampling line systems	SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.7.2.2 & .3 IBC Code 13.2.2

FSS Code 16.2.2.3.4

29. Ex	xamine Inert Gas System (IGS)	
•	Verify presence	46 CFR 153.500 & 32.53-10 SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.5.1
•	Determine type installed	SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.5.2 SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.5.3.2 FSS Code 15.2.2.1.4
		NVIC 02-88
•	Verify volume of IG being delivered	SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.5.3.1 FSS Code 15.2.2.1.2.4
•	Verify oxygen content of inert gas in IG supply main	SOLAS 20 II-2/4.5.5.3.1 FSS Code 15.2.2.1.2.5
		FSS Code 15.2.2.4.2.2
•	Verify oxygen content of inert gas forward of non-return devices	FSS Code 15.2.2.1.2.1
•	Verify arrangement within gas-safe zone	FSS Code 15.2.3.1.3 & .4 IMO Res A.567(14)
•	Verify arrangement of pressure/vacuum breaking device	SOLAS 20 II-2/11.6.3.4
•	Verify arrangement of water seal on deck	46 CFR 32.53-10(b)(1) FSS Code 15.2.2.3.1.2 & .7
•	Verify arrangement of non-return valve on deck	FSS Code 15.2.2.3.1.3

	30.	Examine operational tests of Inert Gas System (IGS) audible and visual						
		alarms and shutdowns						
		•	Witness operational test for low water pressure or low water flow to	FSS Code 15.2.3.2.2.3 FSS Code 15.2.2.2.2				
			flue gas scrubber alarm	MS-72/C.5.F.3				
		•	Witness operational test of high water level in flue gas scrubber	FSS Code 15.2.3.2.2.4 FSS Code 15.2.2.2.2				
			alarm	MS-72/C.5.F.3				
		•	Witness operational high temperature alarm shutdown*	FSS Code 15.2.3.2.2.5 FSS Code 15.2.2.2.2				
				FSS Code 15.2.3.2.1				
		•	Witness operational test of shutdown for failure of IG blowers*	FSS Code 15.2.3.2.2.6 FSS Code 15.2.2.2.2				
				MS-72/C.5.F.3				
		•	Witness operational test of high oxygen content alarm in IGS main	FSS Code 15.2.2.4.5.1.1 &.5.2 MS-72/C.5.F.3				
		•	Witness operational test for failure of power to auto controlled system	FSS Code 15.2.2.4.5.1.2 & .5 MS-72/C.5.F.3				
			for gas regulating valve and indicating devices alarms					
		•	Witness operational test for low water alarm for water seal	46 CFR 32.53-5 FSS Code 15.2.3.2.2.7				
				MS-72/C.5.F.3				
		•	Witness operational test for low gas pressure in IG main forward of all non-return devices alarm	FSS Code 15.2.2.4.5.1.3 & 5.2 MS-72/C.5.F.3				
		•	Witness operational test for high gas pressure in IG main forward of	FSS Code 15.2.2.4.5.1.4 FSS Code 15.2.2.4.2				
			all non-return devices alarm(s)	MS-72/C.5.F.3				
		•	Verify inert gas generator system alarms	FSS Code 15.2.3.2 FSS Code 15.2.4.2.2				
				MS-72/C.5.F.3				
	31.	Examine oil discharge monitoring and control system (ODME)						
		•	Verify approval	33 CFR 157.12(a) & (b) MARPOL I/31.1				
		•	Verify operation of recording device	MS-74/E.1.D.5 33 CFR 157.12d(a)(4)(viii)(C) MARPOL I/31.2				
		•	Verify approved operation manual	33 CFR 157.12c(g) MARPOL I/31.4				

32. Examine cargo temperature control systematics	o temperature control systems							
 Verify means for measuring temperature 	46 CFR 153.440 IBC Code 7.1.5							
 Verify presence of temperature alarm 	46 CFR 153.438 IBC Code 7.1.5.4 IBC Code 15.20 & 15.21							
 Verify heating coils are blanked (when applicable) 	IBC Code 16.6.2							
33. Examine cargo sample stowage								
 Verify stowed in designated space 	IBC Code 16.5.1							
 Verify arrangement of stowage space 	IBC Code 16.5.2							
 Verify arrangement of stowed samples 	IBC Code 16.5.3 & .4							
Follow Up								
34. Verify International Safety Management (ISM) compliance								
 Verify clear grounds exist to initiate expanded exam 	Procedures, App 8 MS-73/D.1.G.2							
	PSCE TTP, Ch.13							
 Verify crew familiarity with vessel's Safety Management System (SMS) 	ISM Code 6							
 Verify company responsibilities and authority are clearly defined 	ISM Code 3							
 Verify record keeping compliance 	ISM Code 11							
 Verify maintenance requirements 	ISM Code 10							
 Verify SMS training requirement 	ISM Code 6.5							
 Review audit documentation and follow-up actions 	ISM Code 1.4.6, 9 PSCE TTP, Ch.13							
35. Issue or endorse vessel's Certificate of Compliance								
 Issue and/or endorse Certificate of Compliance 	46 USC 3711 46 CFR 2.01-6(a)(4) CG-3585							
 Verify COC endorsements are accurate 	CG-3585							
 Obtain copy of endorsed certificates 	MSM I/12.E.7 MS-73/D.6.G.1.h							

Sector 2: Appendices

Conversions:

Distance and Energy												
Kilowatts (k	N)	Х		1 =	Hor	Horsepower (hp)						
Feet (ft)		X		1 =	Met	ers (m)						
Long Ton (L	T)	X		21 =	Metric Ton (t))					
Liquid (A	IOTE: Val	ues are approxi	mate.)									
Liquid		bbl/LT		m³/t		bbl/m³		bbl/t				
Freshwater		6.40		1.00		6.29		6.29				
Saltwater		6.24		.975		6.13		5.98				
Heavy Oil		6.77		1.06		6.66		7.06				
DFM		6.60		1.19		7.48		8.91				
Lube Oil		7.66		1.20	7	7.54		9.05				
Weight												
1 Long Ton	= 2	240 lbs		1 Metric Ton	5//5	2204 lbs	s					
1 Short Ton	= 20	000 lbs		1 Cubic Foot		7.48 ga	I					
1 Barrel (oil)		61 ft = 42 gal = 29 m³		1 psi	-/=	= .06895 Bar = 2.3106 of water						
Tempera	ture: Fa	ahrenheit = C	elsiu	s (°F = 9/5 °C	+ 32	and °C =	= 5/9	(°F – 32))				
0 =	-17.8	80	=,	26.7		200	=	93.3				
32 =	0	90		32.2		250	=	121.1				
40 =	4.4	100	=	37.8		300	=	148.9				
50 =	10.0	110	=	43.3		400	=	204.4				
60 =	15.6	120	=	48.9		500	=	260				
70 =	21.1	150	=	65.6		1000	=	537.8				
Pressure: Bars = Pounds per square inch												
1 Bar =	14.5 p	si 5 Bars	s =	72.5 psi		9 Bars	=	130.5 psi				
2 bars =	29.0 p	si 6 Bars	s =	87.0 psi		10 Bars	=	145.0 psi				
3 Bars =	43.5 p	si 7 Bars	s =	101.5 psi								
4 Bars =	58.0 p	si 8 Bars	s =	116.0 psi								