

Fuel Transfer Flowchart

Certificated as Offshore Supply Vessel?
(Subchapter L "New" OSV, or Subchapter T, I "Existing" OSV, or Multi-Certificated OSV)

Yes

No

OSV less than 500GT/6000 GT ITC?

Yes

No

46 U.S.C. § 2101¹

46 U.S.C. § 3702(b)²

May transfer fuel to other vessels and offshore drilling or production facilities that are in support of the exploration, exploitation, or production of offshore energy resources, including wind.

May **only** transfer fuel from supply tanks to offshore drilling or production facilities in the **oil industry and not to any other vessel.**

¹ TANK VESSEL DEFINITION CLARIFICATION
Paragraph (b)(1) under the "Tank Vessel Definition Clarification" found in 46 U.S.C. § 2101, states that an offshore supply vessel of less than 500 gross tons (6000 GT ITC) as measured under section 14502, or alternate tonnage measured under section 14302 of such title as prescribed by the Secretary under section 14104 of such title are deemed not to be a tank vessel for the purpose of any law.

² Chapter 37 – Carriage of Liquid Bulk Dangerous Cargoes (commonly known as the Tank Vessel Rules)
46 USC § 3702 - Application (b) This chapter does not apply to a documented vessel that would be subject to this chapter only because of the transfer of fuel from the fuel supply tanks of the vessel to offshore drilling or production facilities in the oil industry if the vessel is—
(1) not a tanker; and
(2) in the service of oil exploitation.

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6.D.1 clarifies that the 3702(b) exemption applies to crew boats certified under 46 CFR Subchapter T.