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144. In addition to General Regulations Nos. 135 to 143 inclusive hereof, the following regulations shall apply to petrol-ships arriving with, loading, or discharging petrol packed in containers or receptacles, and hereinafter referred to as "packed petrol."

145. The owner or master of a ship shall not permit packed petrol to be loaded on to or discharged from such ship—

- (a) Unless such petrol is loaded or discharged by means of wooden trays or box slings, or with such other means or appliances as may be approved by a Surveyor of Ships; or in the case of iron or steel drums by fibre rope slings only:
- (b) Unless and until the holds and spaces in which petrol is or has been stowed have been thoroughly ventilated.

146. A Surveyor of Ships may authorize the owner or master of any petrol-ship to load or unload general cargo after sunset into or from a hold or space other than those containing petrol, subject to the condition that only such lights as are incapable of igniting inflammable vapour shall be used in connection with the loading or unloading of such general cargo.

147. (1) The master or owner of a ship shall not permit any petrol to be loaded thereon below deck unless—

- (a) The holds have been surveyed and a certificate issued in writing by an Engineer-Surveyor of Ships, pursuant to the next succeeding regulation, certifying that the holds in which petrol is to be carried are suitable for such purpose:
- (b) Such holds are maintained in the condition in respect of which the certificate is issued:
- (c) Any other cargo carried in the hold containing petrol is stowed in such manner as to avoid damaging the receptacles containing petrol:
- (d) All hatchways or similar deck-openings from the holds or spaces in which petrol is stowed are provided with hatches or other coverings approved by a Surveyor of Ships:
- (e) A portable fire-extinguisher of the froth or foam type approved by the Chief Surveyor of Ships, and of not less than 2 gallons capacity, is provided and kept readily accessible to any place where petrol is stored in the event of an outbreak of fire. Such extinguishers shall be additional to those required by the Regulations for the Survey of Ships to be kept on the ship:
- (f) All petrol loaded on the ship is securely stowed:
- (g) Any smoke or gas helmet required to be provided on such ship is kept readily accessible in the event of an outbreak of fire.

(2) The master or owner of a petrol-ship shall not permit any petrol, or other cargo capable of causing ignition, to be taken into any hold containing explosives, nor shall he permit such petrol or cargo to be stowed near any stokehold or bunker bulkhead.

(3) A copy of the certificate required to be given for the purposes of paragraph (a) of clause (1) of this regulation shall be kept posted up by the master of the ship in the seaman's quarters and in the chart or wheel house.

148. (1) An Engineer-Surveyor of Ships may at any time, on the application of the master or owner of any ship, issue a certificate or license as to the ship's fitness to carry petrol thereon below deck.

(2) The issue of such certificate or license shall be subject to the following conditions:—

(a) That the bulkheads in each hold are of a design and construction approved by a Surveyor of Ships and are in good condition.

(b) That the holds and spaces in which petrol is to be stowed have been tested for gastightness and found in an airtight condition. If the floor of an accommodation space forms the top of the compartment the floor must be covered with an approved deck composition.