#### **United States Coast Guard**



## FOREIGN FREIGHT VESSEL EXAMINER CARGO SYSTEM Job Aid

Name of Vessel:	Flag:		
	□ No Change		
IMO Number:	Activity Number:		
Date Completed:	Priority:		
Location:			
Certificate of Compliance:			
☐ Issued	☐ Issued ☐ Endorsed		
Vessel Built in Compliance with SOLAS: 60 74 74/78 NA			
Port State Control Officer & Exam	iners		
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Job Aid: FFVE Cargo System Initial: Apr 2022

### Use of Foreign Freight Vessel Examiner Cargo System Job Aid

This examination book is intended to be used as a job aid by Coast Guard Port State Control Examiners (PSCOs) during examination of foreign-flagged freight vessels. This book contains an extensive list of cargo system examination items. It is not, however, the Coast Guard's intention to "examine" all items listed. As a port state responsibility, PSCOs must verify that the vessels and their crews are in substantial compliance with international conventions and applicable U.S. laws. The depth and scope of the examination must be determined by the PSCOs based on the condition of the ship, operation of its systems and the competency of the ship's crew.

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	1.	Examine Loading Instrument and Loading Instrument User Manua		
		Verify contents	SOLAS 20 XII/11 IMO MSC/Circ. 1108	
		<ul><li>Verify written language(s)</li><li>Verify operation</li></ul>	IMO MSC/Circ. 1108 SOLAS 20 XII/11 IMO MSC/Circ. 1108	
	2.	Confirm additional special requirements	for carrying dangerous goods	
		<ul> <li>Verify water supply location</li> <li>Verify installation of electrical components</li> <li>Verify power and natural ventilation</li> </ul>	SOLAS 20 II-2/19.3.1 SOLAS 20 II-2/19.3.2 SOLAS 20 II-2/19.3.4	
		<ul><li>Verify bilge pumping arrangements</li><li>Verify presence of protective suits</li></ul>	SOLAS 20 II-2/19.3.5 SOLAS 20 II-2/19.3.6	
		<ul><li>and related equipment</li><li>Verify presence of additional portable extinguishers</li></ul>	SOLAS 20 II-2/19.3.7	
		<ul> <li>Verify insulation of machinery space boundaries</li> </ul>	SOLAS 20 II-2/19.3.8	
□ 3.		Examine cargo ventilation system		
		<ul> <li>Determine application</li> <li>Verify separation from other systems/ducts and sealing capabilities</li> </ul>	SOLAS 20 II-2/20.2.1 SOLAS 20 II-2/20.3.1.2.2	
		Verify ducts/dampers construction     Verify location(s) of system controls	SOLAS 20 II-2/20.3.1.4.2 SOLAS 20 II-2/20.3.1.2.2	
		<ul> <li>Verify location and means for rapid system shutdown</li> </ul>	SOLAS 20 II-2/20.3.1.4.1	
		Verify operation of loss of ventilation indicator	SOLAS 20 II-2/20.3.1.3	
		Verify presence and operation of combustible gas detecting instruments	SOLAS 20 II-2/20.3.1.2.2	

	4.	Examine intermodal containers (spot check)			
		<ul> <li>Verify hazardous materials are stowed IAW stowage plan and dangerous goods manifest</li> </ul>	SOLAS 20 VII/4 & 5 49 CFR 176.30		
		Verify structural integrity	49 CFR 453.1(b) IMO CSC.1/Circ.138/Rev.1		
		Verify no cargo leakage	49 CFR 176.50 IMDG 4.2.1.9.6.3		
		<ul> <li>Verify dangerous goods placards are posted</li> </ul>	49 CFR 172.500 IMDG 5.3.1.1.4.1		
		Verify no smoking signage	49 CFR 176.60		
	5.	Verify compliance with Cargo Securing I	Manual (spot check)		
		<ul> <li>Verify adequate amount of approved securing equipment</li> </ul>	SOLAS 20 VII/5 IMO MSC.1/Circ. 1353		
		<ul> <li>Verify cargo is secured IAW manual</li> </ul>	SOLAS 20 VII/5 CSS Code 1.7		
			Cargo Securing Manual		
		<ul> <li>Verify equipment strength and maintenance</li> </ul>	CSS Code 1.7		
		<ul> <li>Verify stowage and securing declaration for road vehicles</li> </ul>	CSS Code 2.9.2		

6.	Examine solid bulk cargo carriage requirements			
	Determine IMSBC code applicability	IMSBC Code Appendix 1		
	If not authorized under IMSBC     Code, determine valid non- hazardous cargo authorization or hazardous cargo approval	IMSBC Code 1.3		
	Verify shipping documentation and cargo information	SOLAS 20 VI/2 & VII/7-2 IMSBC Code 4.2		
		CG-CVC Policy Ltr 13-03/Encl. 1/5		
	<ul> <li>Verify specific requirements outlined in shipping schedule</li> </ul>	SOLAS 20 VII/7-1 IMSBC Code 1.2		
	<ul> <li>Verify presence of emergency response and medical first aid information for cargo(s)</li> </ul>	SOLAS 20 VII/7-1 CG-CVC Policy Ltr 13-03/6.f		
	Verify presence of personal protective equipment	SOLAS 20 II-2/19.3.6		
	Verify presence of monitoring equipment for cargo(s)	SOLAS 20 VI/3 IMSBC Code Appendix 1		

Verify ventilation requirements for cargo spaces

IMSBC Code Appendix 1 SOLAS 20 II-2/19.3.4