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Use of Portable Tanks for Transfer of Hazardous Liquid Cargoes Final Rule

The Coast Guard announced publication in today's Federal Register of a Final Rule that revises regulations on the use of portable tanks to carry and transfer hazardous materials onboard vessels. The final rule allows for the transport of packaged hazardous materials in portable tanks authorized by recent changes to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code. As of January 1, 2003, international regulations require that all newly manufactured portable tanks be designed, constructed, and approved in conformance with the requirements for United Nations portable tanks found in the IMDG Code. Mariners may continue to use other existing portable tanks provided that the tanks continue to meet periodic test and inspection requirements.

The final rule and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>; docket number: USCG-2011-0088.

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