

**Interpretations of the
IMO Code for the Construction
and Equipment of Ships carrying
Dangerous Chemicals in
Bulk (BCH Code)
and the
International Code for the
Construction and Equipment of
Ships carrying Dangerous
Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code)**

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CC1 Interpretation of sub-section 3.9(b), BCH Code

(1977)
(Rev.1
1979)
(Rev.2
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(corresponds to paragraph 13.1.1.2 of the IBC Code)

Sub-section 3.9(b) of the Code reads as follows:

‘(b) Restricted device which penetrates the tank and which, when in use, permits a small quantity of cargo vapour or liquid to be exposed to the atmosphere. When not in use, the device is completely closed. The design should ensure that no dangerous escape of tank contents (liquid or spray) can take place in opening device.’

This paragraph may be interpreted as follows:

‘A restricted device could be a sounding pipe with inside diameter not exceeding 200 mm, with vapour tight cover.’

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CC2 Interpretation of paragraph 4.9.2, BCH Code

(1977)
(Rev.1
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(corresponds to paragraph 15.12.2 of the IBC Code)

Paragraph 4.9.2 of the Code reads as follows:

'Tank venting systems should be provided with a connection for a vapour return line to shore installation.'

This paragraph may be interpreted as follows in respect of the provision of a stop valve for the connection of tank venting systems with lines for the return of vapours to shore plants:

'Tank venting systems should be provided with a stop valve for vapour return line to shore.'

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CC3 Interpretation of paragraph 4.11.2, BCH Code

(1977)
(Rev.1
Feb
2007)

(corresponds to paragraph 15.14.4 of the IBC Code)

Paragraph 4.11.2 of the above Code reads as follows:

'Connections for returning the expelled gases ashore during loading should be provided.'

This paragraph may be interpreted as follows in respect of the provision of a stop valve for the connection of tank venting systems with lines for the return of vapours to shore plants:

'Tank venting systems should be provided with a stop valve for vapour return line to shore.'

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CC4 Venting System on Chemical Tankers

(June
2002)

(IBC Code, paragraph 8.3.2)

By-passing of P/V valves is allowed during cargo operations for cargoes which do not require a vapor return system, provided that the vent-line outlet is fitted with flame arresters and is located at the required height above the deck level. However, by-passing of high-velocity valves is not permitted.

Note: 1. This UI CC4 is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Members and Associates from 1 January 2003.

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CC5
(Sept
2008)

Fire protection and fire extinction

IBC Code Chapter 11

(Regulation 11.1)

Regulation

Paragraphs 11.1.1.3 and 4 of IBC Code Chapter 11 (as amended by Res.MSC.219(82) and Res.MEPC.166(56)) read:

“11.1.1 The requirements for tankers in SOLAS chapter II-2 shall apply to ships covered by the Code, irrespective of tonnage, including ships of less than 500 tons gross tonnage, except that:

- .3 regulations 10.2, 10.4, and 10.5 shall apply as they would apply to cargo ships of 2,000 tons gross tonnage and over;*
- .4 regulation 10.5.6 shall apply to ships of 2,000 gross tonnage and over;*

Interpretation

1. SOLAS Regulations II-2/10.2 and 10.4 apply to cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and over under SOLAS and to chemical carriers, regardless of size, under the IBC Code.
2. SOLAS II-2/10.5, except for sub-paragraph 10.5.6, applies to chemical tankers, regardless of size, constructed on/after 1 July 1986.
3. SOLAS II-2/10.5.6 applies only to chemical tankers constructed on/after 1 July 2002 and of 2,000 gt and above.

Note:

This Unified Interpretation is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Members and Associates from 1 January 2009.

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CC6
(Apr
2011)

Lining approved for use with acids – IBC Code item 15.11.2

IBC Code 15.11 Acids

15.11.2 Proposals for lining steel tanks and related piping systems with corrosion-resistant materials may be considered by the Administration. The elasticity of the lining shall not be less than that of the supporting boundary plating.

Interpretation

"Lining" is an acid-resistant material that is applied to the tank or piping system in a solid state with a defined elasticity property.

Note:

1. This Unified Interpretation is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies to ships contracted for construction on/after 1 January 2012.
2. The "contracted for construction" date means the date on which the contract to build the vessel is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. For further details regarding the date of "contract for construction", refer to IACS Procedural Requirement (PR) No. 29.

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