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Coast Guard Sector San Francisco
Department of Homeland Security

Dangerous Cargo Handling Requirements for San Francisco Bay

The handling of dangerous cargo at Designated Waterfront Facilities within San Francisco Bay poses increased safety and security concerns. This bulletin provides an update and reminder to all vessels and facilities to the required Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) written permit and verbal notifications, and requirement for the safe handling of dangerous cargo in port. All requests for required Coast Guard permits, including shipping papers, and applicable Department of Transportation exemption paperwork must be provided to the COTP not less than five working days before the request date of transfer. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

At Designated Waterfront Facilities, as defined in 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 126.3, dangerous cargo may be handled, loaded, or discharged only if the proper COTP permit has been issued under the Title 33 CFR Part 126 guidelines. Notifications from either the vessel or facility shall be provided to the Coast Guard Sector San Francisco Command Center at (415) 339-3547. 49 CFR 176.100 and 176.415 requires facilities, vessels, and/or owner/operator to obtain a written COTP permit (CG-4260) for all handling, loading, discharging, or re-stowing of Division 1.1, 1.2, and certain 1.5 and 5.1. The CG-4260 permit request should be facsimiled to the Sector San Francisco Container Inspection Branch at (510) 437-6690 or sent via e-mail to D11-PF-Container_Emails@uscg.mil.

Continued compliance with Federal permit regulations of 33 CFR 126.17, 49 CFR 176.100 and 176.415 will allow for the safe management of dangerous cargo transported within San Francisco Bay. In addition, proper coordination will prevent any unnecessary shipment delays. **The handling, loading, discharging or re-stowing of any designated dangerous cargo without the proper written permit or verbal notifications as provided under 33 CFR 126.17 and 126.27 may subject violator to civil or criminal penalties in Section 13 of the Ports and Waterway Safety Act, as amended in Title 33 United States Code, Part 1232.**

Enclosure 1: “**Dangerous Cargo Safe Handling Guide lines for San Francisco Bay**” is provided as an attachment to this MSIB to assist with Coast Guard COTP intermodal cargo permit requirements, as well as with specific cargo handling guidelines. This MSIB hereby cancels COTP San Francisco MSIB 08-01 and Public Advisory 01-97.

For further information regarding this bulletin, please contact the Sector San Francisco Port Safety and Security, Container Inspection Branch Chief at (510) 437-3886.

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CG Sector San Francisco MSIB 11-05: Enclosure 1
Dangerous Cargo Safe Handling Guidelines for San Francisco Bay

Dangerous Cargo, Hazard Class & Division	Coast Guard Permit Required	Federal Reference	Additional Coast Guard Guidance and/or Specific Restrictions
Class 1 Division 1.1 & Division 1.2 Explosives	Application and Permit to Handle Hazardous Materials CG-4260.	33 CFR 126.17 49 CFR 176.100	SSA Howard Terminal restricted to 1.8 tons Net Explosive Weight (NEW) of Class 1.1 & 1.2 plus documented restrictions previously issued.
Class 1 Division 1.3 Explosives	CG COTP Notification (See Note)	33 CFR 126.27(b)	CG COTP Notification required for all transfers in excess of 40 tons NEW at one time.
Class 1 Division 1.5 Explosives	Application and Permit to Handle Hazardous Materials CG-4260 for certain Class 1.5 Group D, and/or CG COTP Notification (See Note)	49 CFR 176.415	(A) CG COTP Notification required for transfers in excess of 40 tons N.E.W. (B) CG-4260 for certain Explosive Blasting Agents. (C) SSA Howard Terminal restricted to 1.8 tons NEW of Class 1.5 plus documented restrictions previously issued.
Class 5 Division 5.1 Oxidizers (including certain Ammonium Nitrates, and Certain Ammonium Nitrate Mixtures)	Application and Permit to Handle Hazardous Materials CG-4260 certain Ammonium nitrates, and/or CG COTP Notification (See Note)	49 CFR 176.415 33 CFR 126.27(b)	(A) CG-4260 for certain Division 5.1 Ammonium Nitrates or Ammonium Nitrate mixtures. (B) CG COTP Notification required for transfers of all Oxidizers in excess of 100 net tons at any one time. (C) SSA Howard Terminal restricted to conditions within each issued CG-4260 plus documented restrictions previously issued.
Class 7 Radioactive Material	CG COTP Notification (See Note)	33 CFR 126.27(b)	CG COTP Notification required for material of a highway route controlled quantity.
Class 2 Division 2.1 Flammable Gas	CG COTP Notification (See Note)	33 CFR 126.27(b)	CG COTP Notification required for flammable gases in bulk packaging and, non bulk packages in excess of 10 net tons at any one time.
Class 6 Division 6.1 Poisons	CG COTP Notification (See Note)	33 CFR 126.27(b)	(A) CG COTP Notification required for all Class A Poisons.
Class 2 Division 2.3 Poisonous Gas	CG COTP Notification (See Note)	33 CFR 126.27(b)	(B) CG COTP Notification required for 2.3 poisonous materials in excess of 80 net tons at any one time.
Class 4 Division 4.1 Flammable Solids & 4.3 Dangerous when Wet	CG COTP Notification (See Note)	33 CFR 126.27(b)	(A) CG COTP Notification required for 4.1 in excess of 100 net tons. (B) CG COTP Notification required for 4.3 in excess of 60 metric tons.

NOTE: CG Sector San Francisco COTP Notification shall be completed prior to transfer, and shall be made through the **CG Sector San Francisco Command Center** at (415) 399-3547. COTP waivers or exemptions may be requested in writing on an individual basis through the Sector Command Center