



Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston Marine Safety Information Bulletin 18-17

Requests to Ship Explosives through the Port of Galveston This MSIB supersedes MSIB 12-16

The Port of Galveston is the only port authorized by the Captain of the Port (COTP) Houston-Galveston to ship the explosives listed below. No other locations in the COTP Zone are authorized.

- Division 1.1 Explosive – Explosives with a mass explosive hazard
- Division 1.2 Explosive – Explosives with a projection hazard
- Division 1.5 Explosives as required by 49 CFR 176.415 – Insensitive explosives

The maximum amount of Net Explosive Weight (N.E.W.) that may be delivered to or from a vessel is as follows:

- Port of Galveston Pier 37 – 140,000 lbs N.E.W.
- Port of Galveston Pier 34 – 100,000 lbs N.E.W.

Shippers of Division 1.1, Division 1.2 and certain Division 1.5 hazardous materials are requested to submit a Application and Permit to Handle Hazardous Materials, Form CG-4260, and all of the items listed on the enclosed checklist no less than 96 hours prior to the cargo transfer operations to MSUTexasCityFacilities@uscg.mil.

Failure to submit a timely CG-4260 and other applicable documentation to the COTP may delay the review and subsequent approval of the application.

Applications will be reviewed individually and approval may be withheld or revoked after careful consideration of other activities in the port. The following considerations should be taken into account when planning for an explosives shipment in the Port of Galveston:

- Explosive cargo handling operations are only authorized from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am.
- Explosive cargo operations at Pier 34 and Pier 37 shall be limited to the minimum time necessary to facilitate its safe transfer, but in no case should it exceed six hours, after which the explosives should expeditiously depart the port.
- No other hazardous materials may be handled on the pier at the time of the transfer.
- Vessels are permitted to transfer explosives through the use of shipboard cranes. Use of pier-side cranes will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If you require any further information on this issue please contact MSU Texas City's Facilities Duty Officer at (409) 682-1264.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. D. Oditt".

KEVIN D. ODITT

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Sector Commander and Captain of the Port

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Enclosure: (1) Required Information from Agent Checklist

| Required Information From Agent | | |
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| References: 33 CFR 126 MSM Vol. VI Ch. 6 Dod 6055.9-STD (Oct 2004) 49 CFR 172 MSM Vol. 1 (Encl 6-1) GMOC Ltr 99-002 49 CFR 176 IMDG Code | | |
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| CG-4260 Permit Application: 33 CFR 126.19 | | |
| Must be filled out COMPLETELY | | |
| Dangerous Cargo Manifest (DCM): 49 CFR 176.30 | | |
| Name of Vessel and Official/IMO Number | | |
| Nationality of vessel | | |
| Shipping Name and ID Number of EACH hazardous material on board the vessel | | |
| Emergency response telephone number | | |
| Number and description of packages and gross weight for each type of packaging | | |
| Classification of the hazardous material | | |
| Additional description (if required by limited qty, RQ, or DOT-E) | | |
| Stowage location | | |
| Hazardous material information must be the same as on the shipping papers | | |
| The master's or a licensed deck officer's signature acknowledging the correctness of the manifest | | |
| Shipping Papers: 49 CFR 172.202 | | |
| Proper Shipping Name | | |
| Hazard Class or Division Number and subsidiary hazards | | |
| Identification Number | | |
| Packing Group in roman numerals | | |
| Total quantity of hazardous materials by net explosive mass | | |
| Number and type of packages | | |
| 49 CFR 172.203: | | |
| Name of the shipper | | |
| 49 CFR 172.204: | | |
| Shipper's certification with a signature | | |
| Stow Plan | | |
| 49 CFR 176.144: | | |
| Proper segregation from other explosives | | |
| 49 CFR 176.140: | | |
| Proper segregation from other hazardous materials | | |
| 49 CFR 176.138: | | |
| Proper stowage from vessel hazards | | |
| Fire Marshall Permit (may be received day of) | | |
| SDS | | |
| National Container Bureau Inspection Certificate (if applicable) | | |
| Carriage of Dangerous Goods Certificate | | |
| IMO Declaration of Dangerous Good (if applicable) | | |
| Ship's Crane Records - Tests and Certificates | | |
| UN3375 Ammonium Nitrate Emulsion 5.1 II shipments: The Port of Galveston is a Designated Waterfront Facility and is approved to transport Class 5.1 Ammonium Nitrate Emulsions across its docks as long as it meets the applicable requirements as set forth in 33 CFR 126. | | |