
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Merchant Shipping (Prevention
of Oil Pollution) Regulations 1996**

PART IV

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SEGREGATION OF CARGO

Requirements for crude oil washing

21.—(1) Every crude oil washing system required to be provided in accordance with regulation 18(6) and (8) shall comply with the requirements of this regulation.

(2) The crude oil washing installation and associated equipment and arrangements (including qualification of personnel) shall comply with the requirements and specifications set out in Specifications for the Design, Operation and Control of Crude Oil Washing Systems.

(3) With respect to the ballasting of cargo tanks, sufficient cargo tanks shall be crude oil washed prior to each ballast voyage to ensure that, taking into account the tanker's trading pattern and expected weather conditions, ballast water will be put only into cargo tanks which have been crude oil washed.

(4) Every oil tanker operating with crude oil washing system shall be provided with an Operations and Equipment Manual describing the system and equipment in detail and specifying the operational procedures to be followed. This Manual shall be approved by the Marine Safety Agency and shall contain all the information set out in Specifications referred to in paragraph (2). If any alteration is made affecting the crude oil washing system the Operations and Equipment Manual shall be revised, and the revision approved by the Marine Safety Agency.