

Chapter 4.2

Use of portable tanks and UN multiple-element gas containers (MEGCs)

NOTE 1: For tank-wagons, demountable tanks, tank-containers and tank-swap bodies, with shells made of metallic materials, and battery-wagons and multiple element gas containers (MEGCs), see Chapter 4.3; for fibre-reinforced plastics tank-containers, see Chapter 4.4; for vacuum-operated waste tanks, see Chapter 4.5.

2: Portable tanks and UN MEGCs marked in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 6.7, but which were approved in a State that is not a COTIF Member State, may nevertheless be used for carriage under RID.

4.2.1 General provisions for the use of portable tanks for the carriage of substances of Classes 1 and 3 to 9

4.2.1.1 This section provides general provisions applicable to the use of portable tanks for the carriage of substances of Classes 1, 3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 6.1, 6.2, 7, 8 and 9. In addition to these general provisions, portable tanks shall conform to the design, construction, inspection and testing requirements detailed in 6.7.2. Substances shall be carried in portable tanks conforming to the applicable portable tank instruction identified in Column (10) of the Table A of Chapter 3.2 and described in 4.2.5.2.6 (T1 to T23) and the portable tank special provisions assigned to each substance in Column (11) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 and described in 4.2.5.3.

4.2.1.2 During carriage, portable tanks shall be adequately protected against damage to the shell and service equipment resulting from lateral and longitudinal impact and overturning. If the shell and service equipment are so constructed as to withstand impact or overturning it need not be protected in this way. Examples of such protection are given in 6.7.2.17.5.

4.2.1.3 Certain substances are chemically unstable. They are accepted for carriage only when the necessary steps have been taken to prevent their dangerous decomposition, transformation or polymerization during carriage. To this end, care shall in particular be taken to ensure that shells do not contain any substances liable to promote these reactions.

4.2.1.4 The temperature of the outer surface of the shell excluding openings and their closures or of the thermal insulation shall not exceed 70 °C during carriage. When necessary, the shell shall be thermally insulated.

4.2.1.5 Empty portable tanks not cleaned and not gas-free shall comply with the same provisions as portable tanks filled with the previous substance.

4.2.1.6 Substances shall not be carried in the same or in adjoining compartments of shells when they may react dangerously with each other (see definition for "dangerous reaction" in 1.2.1).

4.2.1.7 The design approval certificate, the test report and the certificate showing the results of the initial inspection and test for each portable tank issued by the competent authority or its authorized body shall be retained by the authority or body and the owner. Owners shall be able to provide this documentation upon the request of any competent authority.

4.2.1.8 Unless the name of the substance(s) being carried appears on the metal plate described in 6.7.2.20.2 a copy of the certificate specified in 6.7.2.18.1 shall be made available upon the request of a competent authority or its authorized body and readily provided by the consignor, consignee or agent, as appropriate.

4.2.1.9 Degree of filling

4.2.1.9.1 Prior to filling, the filler shall ensure that the appropriate portable tank is used and that the portable tank is not filled with substances which in contact with the materials of the shell, gaskets, service equipment and any protective linings, are likely to react dangerously with them to form dangerous products or appreciably weaken these materials. The consignor may need to consult the manufacturer of the substance in conjunction with the competent authority for guidance on the compatibility of the substance with the portable tank materials.

4.2.1.9.1.1 Portable tanks shall not be filled above the extent provided in 4.2.1.9.2 to 4.2.1.9.6. The applicability of 4.2.1.9.2, 4.2.1.9.3 or 4.2.1.9.5.1 to individual substances is specified in the applicable portable tank instruction or special provisions in 4.2.5.2.6 or 4.2.5.3 and Column (10) or (11) of Table A of Chapter 3.2.

4.2.1.9.2 The maximum degree of filling (in %) for general use is determined by the formula:

$$\text{Degree of filling} = \frac{97}{1 + \alpha (t_r - t_f)}$$

- 4.2.1.9.3** The maximum degree of filling (in %) for liquids of Class 6.1 and Class 8, in packing groups I and II, and liquids with an absolute vapour pressure of more than 175 kPa (1.75 bar) at 65 °C, is determined by the formula:

$$\text{Degree of filling} = \frac{95}{1 + \alpha (t_r - t_f)}$$

- 4.2.1.9.4** In these formulae, α is the mean coefficient of cubical expansion of the liquid between the mean temperature of the liquid during filling (t_f) and the maximum mean bulk temperature during carriage (t_r) (both in °C). For liquids carried under ambient conditions α could be calculated by the formula:

$$\alpha = \frac{d_{15} - d_{50}}{35 d_{50}}$$

in which d_{15} and d_{50} are the densities of the liquid at 15 °C and 50 °C, respectively.

- 4.2.1.9.4.1** The maximum mean bulk temperature (t_r) shall be taken as 50 °C except that, for journeys under temperate or extreme climatic conditions, the competent authorities concerned may agree to a lower or require a higher temperature, as appropriate.

- 4.2.1.9.5** The provisions of 4.2.1.9.2 to 4.2.1.9.4.1 do not apply to portable tanks which contain substances maintained at a temperature above 50 °C during carriage (e.g. by means of a heating device). For portable tanks equipped with a heating device, a temperature regulator shall be used to ensure the maximum degree of filling is not more than 95% full at any time during carriage.

- 4.2.1.9.5.1** The maximum degree of filling (in %) for solids carried above their melting points and for elevated temperature liquids shall be determined by the following formula:

$$\text{Degree of filling} = 95 \frac{d_f}{d_r}$$

in which d_f and d_r are the densities of the liquid at the mean temperature of the liquid during filling and the maximum mean bulk temperature during carriage respectively.

- 4.2.1.9.6** Portable tanks shall not be offered for carriage:

- With a degree of filling, for liquids having a viscosity less than 2 680 mm²/s at 20 °C or maximum temperature of the substance during carriage in the case of the heated substance, of more than 20% but less than 80% unless the shells of portable tanks are divided, by partitions or surge plates, into sections of not more than 7 500 litres capacity;
- With residue of substances previously carried adhering to the outside of the shell or service equipment;
- When leaking or damaged to such an extent that the integrity of the portable tank or its lifting or securing arrangements may be affected; and
- Unless the service equipment has been examined and found to be in good working order.

- 4.2.1.9.7** Forklift pockets of portable tanks shall be closed off when the tank is filled. This provision does not apply to portable tanks which according to 6.7.2.17.4 need not be provided with a means of closing off the forklift pockets.

4.2.1.10 Additional provisions applicable to the carriage of Class 3 substances in portable tanks

- 4.2.1.10.1** All portable tanks intended for the carriage of flammable liquids shall be closed and be fitted with relief devices in accordance with 6.7.2.8 to 6.7.2.15.

- 4.2.1.10.1.1** For portable tanks intended for use only on land, open venting systems may be used if allowed according to Chapter 4.3.

4.2.1.11 Additional provisions applicable to the carriage of Classes 4.1, 4.2 or 4.3 substances (other than Class 4.1 self-reactive substances) in portable tanks

(Reserved)

NOTE: For Class 4.1 self-reactive substances, see 4.2.1.13.1.

4.2.1.12 Additional provisions applicable to the carriage of Class 5.1 substances in portable tanks

(Reserved)

4.2.1.13 Additional provisions applicable to the carriage of Class 5.2 substances and Class 4.1 self-reactive substances in portable tanks

4.2.1.13.1 Each substance shall have been tested and a report submitted to the competent authority of the country of origin for approval. Notification thereof shall be sent to the competent authority of the country of destination. The notification shall contain relevant transport information and the report with test results. The tests undertaken shall include those necessary:

- (a) To prove the compatibility of all materials normally in contact with the substance during carriage;
- (b) To provide data for the design of the pressure and emergency relief devices taking into account the design characteristics of the portable tank.

Any additional provision necessary for safe carriage of the substance shall be clearly described in the report.

4.2.1.13.2 The following provisions apply to portable tanks intended for the carriage of Type F organic peroxides or Type F self-reactive substances with a Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature (SADT) of 55 °C or more. In case of conflict these provisions prevail over those specified in Section 6.7.2. Emergencies to be taken into account are self-accelerating decomposition of the substance and fire-engulfment as described in 4.2.1.13.8.

4.2.1.13.3 The additional provisions for carriage of organic peroxides or self-reactive substances with a SADT less than 55 °C in portable tanks shall be specified by the competent authority of the country of origin. Notification thereof shall be sent to the competent authority of the country of destination.

4.2.1.13.4 The portable tank shall be designed for a test pressure of at least 0.4 MPa (4 bar).

4.2.1.13.5 Portable tanks shall be fitted with temperature sensing devices.

4.2.1.13.6 Portable tanks shall be fitted with pressure-relief devices and emergency-relief devices. Vacuum-relief devices may also be used. Pressure-relief devices shall operate at pressures determined according to both the properties of the substance and the construction characteristics of the portable tank. Fusible elements are not allowed in the shell.

4.2.1.13.7 The pressure-relief devices shall consist of spring-loaded valves fitted to prevent significant build-up within the portable tank of the decomposition products and vapours released at a temperature of 50 °C. The capacity and start-to-discharge pressure of the relief valves shall be based on the results of the tests specified in 4.2.1.13.1. The start-to-discharge pressure shall, however, in no case be such that liquid would escape from the valve(s) if the portable tank were overturned.

4.2.1.13.8 The emergency-relief devices may be of the spring-loaded or frangible types, or a combination of the two, designed to vent all the decomposition products and vapours evolved during a period of not less than one hour of complete fire-engulfment as calculated by the following formula:

$$q = 70961 \cdot F \cdot A^{0.82}$$

where:

q = heat absorption [W]

A = wetted area [m²]

F = insulation factor

F = 1 for non-insulated shells, or

$$F = \frac{U(923 - T)}{47032} \text{ for insulated shells}$$

where:

K = heat conductivity of insulation layer [W·m⁻¹·K⁻¹]

L = thickness of insulation layer [m]

U = K/L = heat transfer coefficient of the insulation [W·m⁻²·K⁻¹]

T = temperature of the substance at relieving conditions [K]

The start-to-discharge pressure of the emergency-relief device(s) shall be higher than that specified in 4.2.1.13.7 and based on the results of the tests referred to in 4.2.1.13.1. The emergency-relief devices shall be dimensioned in such a way that the maximum pressure in the portable tank never exceeds the test pressure of the tank.

NOTE: An example of a method to determine the size of emergency-relief devices is given in Appendix 5 of the "Manual of Tests and Criteria".

4.2.1.13.9 For insulated portable tanks the capacity and setting of emergency-relief device(s) shall be determined assuming a loss of insulation from 1% of the surface area.

- 4.2.1.13.10** Vacuum-relief devices and spring-loaded valves shall be provided with flame arresters. Due attention shall be paid to the reduction of the relief capacity caused by the flame arrester.
- 4.2.1.13.11** Service equipment such as valves and external piping shall be so arranged that no substance remains in them after filling the portable tank.
- 4.2.1.13.12** Portable tanks may be either insulated or protected by a sun-shield. If the SADT of the substance in the portable tank is 55 °C or less, or the portable tank is constructed of aluminium, the portable tank shall be completely insulated. The outer surface shall be finished in white or bright metal.
- 4.2.1.13.13** The degree of filling shall not exceed 90% at 15 °C.
- 4.2.1.13.14** The marking as required in 6.7.2.20.2 shall include the UN number and the technical name with the approved concentration of the substance concerned.
- 4.2.1.13.15** Organic peroxides and self-reactive substances specifically listed in portable tank instruction T23 in 4.2.5.2.6 may be carried in portable tanks.
- 4.2.1.14 Additional provisions applicable to the carriage of Class 6.1 substances in portable tanks**
(Reserved)
- 4.2.1.15 Additional provisions applicable to the carriage of Class 6.2 substances in portable tanks**
(Reserved)
- 4.2.1.16 Additional provisions applicable to the carriage of Class 7 substances in portable tanks**
- 4.2.1.16.1** Portable tanks used for the carriage of radioactive material shall not be used for the carriage of other goods.
- 4.2.1.16.2** The degree of filling for portable tanks shall not exceed 90% or, alternatively, any other value approved by the competent authority.
- 4.2.1.17 Additional provisions applicable to the carriage of Class 8 substances in portable tanks**
- 4.2.1.17.1** Pressure-relief devices of portable tanks used for the carriage of Class 8 substances shall be inspected at intervals not exceeding one year.
- 4.2.1.18 Additional provisions applicable to the carriage of Class 9 substances in portable tanks**
(Reserved)
- 4.2.1.19 Additional provisions applicable to the carriage of solid substances carried above their melting point**
- 4.2.1.19.1** Solid substances carried or offered for carriage above their melting point which are not assigned a portable tank instruction in column (10) of the Table A of Chapter 3.2 or when the assigned portable tank instruction does not apply to carriage at temperatures above their melting point may be carried in portable tanks provided that the solid substances are classified in classes 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 6.1, 8 or 9 and have no subsidiary risk other than that of Class 6.1 or Class 8 and are in packing group II or III.
- 4.2.1.19.2** Unless otherwise indicated in Table A of Chapter 3.2, portable tanks used for the carriage of these solid substances above their melting point shall conform to the provisions of portable tank instruction T4 for solid substances of packing group III or T7 for solid substances of packing group II. A portable tank which affords an equivalent or greater level of safety may be selected according to 4.2.5.2.5. The maximum degree of filling (in %) shall be determined according to 4.2.1.9.5 (TP3).
- 4.2.2 General provisions for the use of portable tanks for the carriage of non-refrigerated liquefied gases**
- 4.2.2.1** This section provides general provisions applicable to the use of portable tanks for the carriage of non-refrigerated liquefied gases.
- 4.2.2.2** Portable tanks shall conform to the design, construction, inspection and testing requirements detailed in 6.7.3. Non-refrigerated liquefied gases shall be carried in portable tanks conforming to portable tank instruction T50 as described in 4.2.5.2.6 and any portable tank special provisions assigned to specific non-refrigerated liquefied gases in Column (11) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 and described in 4.2.5.3.

- 4.2.2.3** During carriage, portable tanks shall be adequately protected against damage to the shell and service equipment resulting from lateral and longitudinal impact and overturning. If the shell and service equipment are so constructed as to withstand impact or overturning it need not be protected in this way. Examples of such protection are given in 6.7.3.13.5.
- 4.2.2.4** Certain non-refrigerated liquefied gases are chemically unstable. They are accepted for carriage only when the necessary steps have been taken to prevent their dangerous decomposition, transformation or polymerization during carriage. To this end, care shall in particular be taken to ensure that portable tanks do not contain any non-refrigerated liquefied gases liable to promote these reactions.
- 4.2.2.5** Unless the name of the gas(es) being carried appears on the metal plate described in 6.7.3.16.2, a copy of the certificate specified in 6.7.3.14.1 shall be made available upon a competent authority request and readily provided by the consignor, consignee or agent, as appropriate.
- 4.2.2.6** Empty portable tanks not cleaned and not gas-free shall comply with the same provisions as portable tanks filled with the previous non-refrigerated liquefied gas.
- 4.2.2.7 Filling**
- 4.2.2.7.1** Prior to filling the portable tank shall be inspected to ensure that it is authorized for the non-refrigerated liquefied gas to be carried and that the portable tank is not loaded with non-refrigerated liquefied gases which in contact with the materials of the shell, gaskets, service equipment and any protective linings, are likely to react dangerously with them to form dangerous products or appreciably weaken these materials. During filling, the temperature of the non-refrigerated liquefied gas shall fall within the limits of the design temperature range.
- 4.2.2.7.2** The maximum mass of non-refrigerated liquefied gas per litre of shell capacity (kg/l) shall not exceed the density of the non-refrigerated liquefied gas at 50 °C multiplied by 0.95. Furthermore, the shell shall not be liquid-full at 60 °C.
- 4.2.2.7.3** Portable tanks shall not be filled above their maximum permissible gross mass and the maximum permissible load mass specified for each gas to be carried.
- 4.2.2.8** Portable tanks shall not be offered for carriage:
- (a) In an ullage condition liable to produce an unacceptable hydraulic force due to surge within the shell;
 - (b) When leaking;
 - (c) When damaged to such an extent that the integrity of the tank or its lifting or securing arrangements may be affected; and
 - (d) Unless the service equipment has been examined and found to be in good working order.
- 4.2.2.9** Forklift pockets of portable tanks shall be closed off when the tank is filled. This provision does not apply to portable tanks which according to 6.7.3.13.4 need not be provided with a means of closing off the forklift pockets.
- 4.2.3 General provisions for the use of portable tanks for the carriage of refrigerated liquefied gases**
- 4.2.3.1** This section provides general provisions applicable to the use of portable tanks for the carriage of refrigerated liquefied gases.
- 4.2.3.2** Portable tanks shall conform to the design, construction, inspection and testing requirements detailed in 6.7.4. Refrigerated liquefied gases shall be carried in portable tanks conforming to portable tank instruction T75 as described in 4.2.5.2.6 and the portable tank special provisions assigned to each substance in Column (11) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 and described in 4.2.5.3.
- 4.2.3.3** During carriage, portable tanks shall be adequately protected against damage to the shell and service equipment resulting from lateral and longitudinal impact and overturning. If the shell and service equipment are so constructed as to withstand impact or overturning it need not be protected in this way. Examples of such protection are provided in 6.7.4.12.5.
- 4.2.3.4** Unless the name of the gas(es) being carried appears on the metal plate described in 6.7.4.15.2, a copy of the certificate specified in 6.7.4.13.1 shall be made available upon a competent authority request and readily provided by the consignor, consignee or agent, as appropriate.
- 4.2.3.5** Empty portable tanks not cleaned and not gas-free shall comply with the same provisions as portable tanks filled with the previous substance.

4.2.3.6 Filling

4.2.3.6.1 Prior to filling the portable tank shall be inspected to ensure that it is authorized for the refrigerated liquefied gas to be carried and that the portable tank is not loaded with refrigerated liquefied gases which in contact with the materials of the shell, gaskets, service equipment and any protective linings, are likely to react dangerously with them to form dangerous products or appreciably weaken these materials. During filling, the temperature of the refrigerated liquefied gas shall be within the limits of the design temperature range.

4.2.3.6.2 In estimating the initial degree of filling the necessary holding time for the intended journey including any delays which might be encountered shall be taken into consideration. The initial degree of filling of the shell, except as provided for in 4.2.3.6.3 and 4.2.3.6.4, shall be such that if the contents, except helium, were to be raised to a temperature at which the vapour pressure is equal to the maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) the volume occupied by liquid would not exceed 98%.

4.2.3.6.3 Shells intended for the carriage of helium can be filled up to but not above the inlet of the pressure-relief device.

4.2.3.6.4 A higher initial degree of filling may be allowed, subject to approval by the competent authority, when the intended duration of carriage is considerably shorter than the holding time.

4.2.3.7 Actual holding time

4.2.3.7.1 The actual holding time shall be calculated for each journey in accordance with a procedure recognized by the competent authority, on the basis of the following:

- (a) The reference holding time for the refrigerated liquefied gas to be carried (see 6.7.4.2.8.1) (as indicated on the plate referred to in 6.7.4.15.1);
- (b) The actual filling density;
- (c) The actual filling pressure;
- (d) The lowest set pressure of the pressure limiting device(s).

4.2.3.7.2 The actual holding time shall be marked either on the portable tank itself or on a metal plate firmly secured to the portable tank, in accordance with 6.7.4.15.2.

4.2.3.8 Portable tanks shall not be offered for carriage:

- (a) In an ullage condition liable to produce an unacceptable hydraulic force due to surge within the shell;
- (b) When leaking;
- (c) When damaged to such an extent that the integrity of the portable tank or its lifting or securing arrangements may be affected;
- (d) Unless the service equipment has been examined and found to be in good working order;
- (e) Unless the actual holding time for the refrigerated liquefied gas being carried has been determined in accordance with 4.2.3.7 and the portable tank is marked in accordance with 6.7.4.15.2; and
- (f) Unless the duration of carriage, after taking into consideration any delays which might be encountered, does not exceed the actual holding time.

4.2.3.9 Forklift pockets of portable tanks shall be closed off when the tank is filled. This provision does not apply to portable tanks which according to 6.7.4.12.4, need not be provided with a means of closing off the forklift pockets.

4.2.4 General provisions for the use of UN multiple-element gas containers (MEGCs)

4.2.4.1 This section provides general requirements applicable to the use of multiple-element gas containers (MEGCs) for the carriage of non-refrigerated gases referred to in 6.7.5.

4.2.4.2 MEGCs shall conform to the design, construction, inspection and testing requirements detailed in 6.7.5. The elements of MEGCs shall be periodically inspected according to the provisions set out in packing instruction P200 of 4.1.4.1 and in 6.2.1.6.

4.2.4.3 During carriage, MEGCs shall be protected against damage to the elements and service equipment resulting from lateral and longitudinal impact and overturning. If the elements and service equipment are so constructed as to withstand impact or overturning, they need not be protected in this way. Examples of such protection are given in 6.7.5.10.4.

4.2.4.4 The periodic testing and inspection requirements for MEGCs are specified in 6.7.5.12. MEGCs or their elements shall not be charged or filled after they become due for periodic inspection but may be carried after the expiry of the time limit.

4.2.4.5 Filling

4.2.4.5.1 Prior to filling, the MEGC shall be inspected to ensure that it is authorized for the gas to be carried and that the applicable provisions of RID have been met.

4.2.4.5.2 Elements of MEGCs shall be filled according to the working pressures, filling ratios and filling provisions specified in packing instruction P200 of 4.1.4.1 for the specific gas being filled into each element. In no case shall an MEGC or group of elements be filled as a unit in excess of the lowest working pressure of any given element.

4.2.4.5.3 MEGCs shall not be filled above their maximum permissible gross mass.

4.2.4.5.4 Isolation valves shall be closed after filling and remain closed during carriage. Toxic gases (gases of groups T, TF, TC, TO, TFC and TOC) shall only be carried in MEGCs where each element is equipped with an isolation valve.

4.2.4.5.5 The opening(s) for filling shall be closed by caps or plugs. The leakproofness of the closures and equipment shall be verified by the filler after filling.

4.2.4.5.6 MEGCs shall not be offered for filling:

- (a) when damaged to such an extent that the integrity of the pressure receptacles or its structural or service equipment may be affected;
- (b) unless the pressure receptacles and its structural and service equipment has been examined and found to be in good working order; and
- (c) unless the required certification, retest, and filling markings are legible.

4.2.4.6 Charged MEGCs shall not be offered for carriage;

- (a) when leaking;
- (b) when damaged to such an extent that the integrity of the pressure receptacles or its structural or service equipment may be affected;
- (c) unless the pressure receptacles and its structural and service equipment have been examined and found to be in good working order; and
- (d) unless the required certification, retest, and filling markings are legible.

4.2.4.7 Empty MEGCs that have not been cleaned and purged shall comply with the same requirements as MEGCs filled with the previous substance.

4.2.5 Portable tank instructions and special provisions

4.2.5.1 General

4.2.5.1.1 This section includes the portable tank instructions and special provisions applicable to dangerous goods authorized to be carried in portable tanks. Each portable tank instruction is identified by an alpha-numeric code (e.g. T1). Column (10) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 indicates the portable tank instruction that shall be used for each substance permitted for carriage in a portable tank. When no portable tank instruction appears in Column (10) for a specific dangerous goods entry then carriage of the substance in portable tanks is not permitted unless a competent authority approval is granted as detailed in 6.7.1.3. Portable tank special provisions are assigned to specific dangerous goods in Column (11) of Table A of Chapter 3.2. Each portable tank special provision is identified by an alpha-numeric code (e.g. TP1). A listing of the portable tank special provisions is provided in 4.2.5.3.

NOTE: The gases authorized for carriage in MEGCs are indicated with the letter "(M)" in Column (10) of Table A of Chapter 3.2.

4.2.5.2 Portable tank instructions

4.2.5.2.1 Portable tank instructions apply to dangerous goods of Classes 1 to 9. Portable tank instructions provide specific information relevant to portable tanks provisions applicable to specific substances. These provisions shall be met in addition to the general provisions in this Chapter and the general requirements in Chapter 6.7.

4.2.5.2.2 For substances of Classes 1 and 3 to 9, the portable tank instructions indicate the applicable minimum test pressure, the minimum shell thickness (in reference steel), bottom opening requirements and pressure relief requirements. In portable tank instruction T23, self-reactive substances of Class 4.1 and Class 5.2 organic peroxides permitted to be carried in portable tanks are listed.

4.2.5.2.3 Non-refrigerated liquefied gases are assigned to portable tank instruction T50. T50 provides the maximum allowable working pressures, the requirements for the openings below liquid level, pressure-relief requirements and maximum filling density requirements for non-refrigerated liquefied gases permitted for carriage in portable tanks.

4.2.5.2.4 Refrigerated liquefied gases are assigned to portable tank instruction T75.

4.2.5.2.5 Determination of the appropriate portable tank instructions

When a specific portable tank instruction is specified in Column (10) of Table A of Chapter 3.2 for a specific dangerous goods entry additional portable tanks which possess higher minimum test pressures, greater shell thicknesses, more stringent bottom opening and pressure-relief device arrangements may be used. The following guidelines apply to determining the appropriate portable tanks which may be used for carriage of particular substances:

Portable tank instruction specified	Portable tank instructions also permitted
T 1	T 2, T 3, T 4, T 5, T 6, T 7, T 8, T 9, T 10, T 11, T 12, T 13, T 14, T 15, T 16, T 17, T 18, T 19, T 20, T 21, T 22
T 2	T 4, T 5, T 7, T 8, T 9, T 10, T 11, T 12, T 13, T 14, T 15, T 16, T 17, T 18, T 19, T 20, T 21, T 22
T 3	T 4, T 5, T 6, T 7, T 8, T 9, T 10, T 11, T 12, T 13, T 14, T 15, T 16, T 17, T 18, T 19, T 20, T 21, T 22
T 4	T 5, T 7, T 8, T 9, T 10, T 11, T 12, T 13, T 14, T 15, T 16, T 17, T 18, T 19, T 20, T 21, T 22
T 5	T 10, T 14, T 19, T 20, T 22
T 6	T 7, T 8, T 9, T 10, T 11, T 12, T 13, T 14, T 15, T 16, T 17, T 18, T 19, T 20, T 21, T 22
T 7	T 8, T 9, T 10, T 11, T 12, T 13, T 14, T 15, T 16, T 17, T 18, T 19, T 20, T 21, T 22
T 8	T 9, T 10, T 13, T 14, T 19, T 20, T 21, T 22
T 9	T 10, T 13, T 14, T 19, T 20, T 21, T 22
T 10	T 14, T 19, T 20, T 22
T 11	T 12, T 13, T 14, T 15, T 16, T 17, T 18, T 19, T 20, T 21, T 22
T 12	T 14, T 16, T 18, T 19, T 20, T 22
T 13	T 14, T 19, T 20, T 21, T 22
T 14	T 19, T 20, T 22
T 15	T 16, T 17, T 18, T 19, T 20, T 21, T 22
T 16	T 18, T 19, T 20, T 22
T 17	T 18, T 19, T 20, T 21, T 22
T 18	T 19, T 20, T 22
T 19	T 20, T 22
T 20	T 22
T 21	T 22
T 22	None
T 23	None

4.2.5.2.6 Portable tank instructions

Portable tank instructions specify the requirements applicable to a portable tank when used for the carriage of specific substances. Portable tank instructions T1 to T22 specify the applicable minimum test pressure, the minimum shell thickness (in mm reference steel), and the pressure-relief and bottom-opening requirements.

T 1 – Portable tank instructions T 22				
These portable tank instructions apply to liquid and solid substances of Classes 3 to 9. The general provisions of Section 4.2.1 and the requirements of Section 6.7.2 shall be met.				
Portable tank instruction	Minimum test pressure (bar)	Minimum shell thickness (in mm-reference steel) (see 6.7.2.4)	Pressure-relief requirements (see 6.7.2.8) ^(a)	Bottom opening requirements (see 6.7.2.6)
T 1	1,5	See 6.7.2.4.2	Normal	See 6.7.2.6.2
T 2	1,5	See 6.7.2.4.2	Normal	See 6.7.2.6.3
T 3	2,65	See 6.7.2.4.2	Normal	See 6.7.2.6.2
T 4	2,65	See 6.7.2.4.2	Normal	See 6.7.2.6.3
T 5	2,65	See 6.7.2.4.2	See 6.7.2.8.3	Not allowed
T 6	4	See 6.7.2.4.2	Normal	See 6.7.2.6.2
T 7	4	See 6.7.2.4.2	Normal	See 6.7.2.6.3
T 8	4	See 6.7.2.4.2	Normal	Not allowed
T 9	4	6 mm	Normal	Not allowed
T 10	4	6 mm	See 6.7.2.8.3	Not allowed
T 11	6	See 6.7.2.4.2	Normal	See 6.7.2.6.3
T 12	6	See 6.7.2.4.2	See 6.7.2.8.3	See 6.7.2.6.3
T 13	6	6 mm	Normal	Not allowed
T 14	6	6 mm	See 6.7.2.8.3	Not allowed
T 15	10	See 6.7.2.4.2	Normal	See 6.7.2.6.3
T 16	10	See 6.7.2.4.2	See 6.7.2.8.3	See 6.7.2.6.3
T 17	10	6 mm	Normal	See 6.7.2.6.3
T 18	10	6 mm	See 6.7.2.8.3	See 6.7.2.6.3
T 19	10	6 mm	See 6.7.2.8.3	Not allowed
T 20	10	8 mm	See 6.7.2.8.3	Not allowed
T 21	10	10 mm	Normal	Not allowed
T 22	10	10 mm	See 6.7.2.8.3	Not allowed

^(a) When the word "Normal" is indicated, all the requirements of 6.7.2.8 apply except for 6.7.2.8.3.

T 23		Portable tank instructions				T 23
This portable tank instruction applies to self-reactive substances of Class 4.1 and organic peroxides of Class 5.2. The general provisions of Section 4.2.1 and the requirements of Section 6.7.2 shall be met. The additional provisions specific to self-reactive substances of Class 4.1 and organic peroxides of Class 5.2 in 4.2.1.13 shall also be met.						
UN No.	Substance	Minimum test pressure (bar)	Minimum shell thickness (mm-reference steel)	Bottom opening requirements	Pressure-relief requirements	Degree of filling
3109	ORGANIC PEROXIDE, TYPE F, LIQUID tert-Butyl hydroperoxide ^(a) , not more than 72% with water Cumyl hydroperoxide, not more than 90% in diluent type A Di-tert-butyl peroxide, not more than 32% in diluent type A Isopropyl cumyl hydroperoxide, not more than 72% in diluent type A p-Menthyl hydroperoxide, not more than 72% in diluent type A Pinanyl hydroperoxide, not more than 56% in diluent type A	4	See 6.7.2.4.2	See 6.7.2.6.3	See 6.7.2.8.2, 4.2.1.13.6, 4.2.1.13.7, 4.2.1.13.8	See 4.2.1.13.13
3110	ORGANIC PEROXIDE TYPE F, SOLID Dicumyl peroxide ^(b)	4	See 6.7.2.4.2	See 6.7.2.6.3	See 6.7.2.8.2, 4.2.1.13.6, 4.2.1.13.7, 4.2.1.13.8	See 4.2.1.13.13
3229	SELF-REACTIVE LIQUID TYPE F	4	See 6.7.2.4.2	See 6.7.2.6.3	See 6.7.2.8.2, 4.2.1.13.6, 4.2.1.13.7, 4.2.1.13.8	See 4.2.1.13.13
3230	SELF-REACTIVE SOLID TYPE F	4	See 6.7.2.4.2	See 6.7.2.6.3	See 6.7.2.8.2, 4.2.1.13.6, 4.2.1.13.7, 4.2.1.13.8	See 4.2.1.13.13

^(a) Provided that steps have been taken to achieve the safety equivalence of 65% tert-Butyl hydroperoxide and 35% water.

^(b) Maximum quantity per portable tank: 2000 kg.

T 50	Portable tank instructions				T 50
This portable tank instruction applies to non-refrigerated liquefied gases. The general provisions of Section 4.2.2 and the requirements of Section 6.7.3 shall be met.					
UN No.	Non-refrigerated liquefied gases	Max. allowable working pressure (bar) Small; Bare; Sunshield; Insulated ^(a)	Openings below liquid level	Pressure-relief requirements (see 6.7.3.7) ^(b)	Maximum filling density (kg/l)
1005	AMMONIA, ANHYDROUS	29,0 25,7 22,0 19,7	Allowed	See 6.7.3.7.3	0,53
1009	BROMOTRIFLUOROMETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 13B1)	38,0 34,0 30,0 27,5	Allowed	Normal	1,13
1010	BUTADIENES, STABILIZED	7,5 7,0 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	0,55
1010	BUTADIENES AND HYDROCARBON MIXTURE, STABILIZED	See MAWP definition in 6.7.3.1	Allowed	Normal	see 4.2.2.7
1011	BUTAN	7,0 7,0 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	0,51
1012	BUTYLENE	8,0 7,0 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	0,53
1017	CHLORINE	19,0 17,0 15,0 13,5	Not Allowed	See 6.7.3.7.3	1,25
1018	CHLORODIFLUOROMETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 22)	26,0 24,0 21,0 19,0	Allowed	Normal	1,03
1020	CHLOROPENTAFLUOROETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 115)	23,0 20,0 18,0 16,0	Allowed	Normal	1,06
1021	1-CHLORO-1,2,2,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 124)	10,3 9,8 7,9 7,0	Allowed	Normal	1,20
1027	CYCLOPROPANE	18,0 16,0 14,5 13,0	Allowed	Normal	0,53
1028	DICHLORODIFLUOROMETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 12)	16,0 15,0 13,0 11,5	Allowed	Normal	1,15
1029	DICHLOROFLUOROMETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 21)	7,0 7,0 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	1,23

1030	1,1-DIFLUOROETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 152A)	16,0 14,0 12,4 11,0	Allowed	Normal	0,79
1032	DIMETHYLAMINE, ANHYDROUS	7,0 7,0 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	0,59
1033	DIMETHYL ETHER	15,5 13,8 12,0 10,6	Allowed	Normal	0,58
1036	ETHYLAMINE	7,0 7,0 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	0,61
1037	ETHYL CHLORIDE	7,0 7,0 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	0,8
1040	ETHYLENE OXIDE WITH NITRO- GEN up to a total pressure of 1MPa (10 bar) at 50 °C	– – – 10,0	Not Allowed	See 6.7.3.7.3	0,78
1041	ETHYLENE OXIDE AND CARBON DIOXIDE MIXTURE with more than 9% but not more than 87% ethyl- ene oxide	See MAWP definition in 6.7.3.1	Allowed	Normal	See 4.2.2.7
1055	ISOBUTYLENE	8,1 7,0 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	0,52
1060	METHYLLACETYLENE AND PROPADIENE MIXTURE, STABILIZED	28,0 24,5 22,0 20,0	Allowed	Normal	0,43
1061	METHYLAMINE, ANHYDROUS	10,8 9,6 7,8 7,0	Allowed	Normal	0,58
1062	METHYL BROMIDE with not more than 2% chloropicrin	7,0 7,0 7,0 7,0	Not Allowed	See 6.7.3.7.3	1,51
1063	METHYL CHLORIDE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 40)	14,5 12,7 11,3 10,0	Allowed	Normal	0,81
1064	METHYL MERCAPTAN	7,0 7,0 7,0 7,0	Not Allowed	See 6.7.3.7.3	0,78
1067	DINITROGEN TETROXIDE	7,0 7,0 7,0 7,0	Not Allowed	See 6.7.3.7.3	1,30
1075	PETROLEUM GASES, LIQUEFIED	See MAWP definition in 6.7.3.1	Allowed	Normal	See 4.2.2.7
1077	PROPYLENE	28,0 24,5 22,0 20,0	Allowed	Normal	0,43

1078	REFRIGERANT GAS, N.O.S.	See MAWP definition in 6.7.3.1	Allowed	Normal	See 4.2.2.7
1079	SULPHUR DIOXIDE	11,6 10,3 8,5 7,6	Not Allowed	See 6.7.3.7.3	1,23
1082	TRIFLUOROCHLOROETHYLENE, STABILIZED (REFRIGERANT GAS R 1113)	17,0 15,0 13,1 11,6	Not Allowed	See 6.7.3.7.3	1,13
1083	TRIMETHYLAMINE, ANHYDROUS	7,0 7,0 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	0,56
1085	VINYL BROMIDE, STABILIZED	7,0 7,0 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	1,37
1086	VINYL CHLORIDE, STABILIZED	10,6 9,3 8,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	0,81
1087	VINYL METHYL ETHER, STABILIZED	7,0 7,0 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	0,67
1581	CHLOROPICRIN AND METHYL BROMIDE MIXTURE with more than 2% chloropicrin	7,0 7,0 7,0 7,0	Not Allowed	See 6.7.3.7.3	1,51
1582	CHLOROPICRIN AND METHYL CHLORIDE MIXTURE	19,2 16,9 15,1 13,1	Not Allowed	See 6.7.3.7.3	0,81
1858	HEXAFLUOROPROPYLENE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 1216)	19,2 16,9 15,1 13,1	Allowed	Normal	1,11
1912	METHYL CHLORIDE AND METHYLENE CHLORIDE MIXTURE	15,2 13,0 11,6 10,1	Allowed	Normal	0,81
1958	1,2-DICHLORO-1,1,2,2-TETRAFLUROETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 114)	7,0 7,0 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	1,30
1965	HYDROCARBON GAS, MIXTURE LIQUEFIED, N.O.S.	See MAWP definition in 6.7.3.1	Allowed	Normal	See 4.2.2.7
1969	ISOBUTANE	8,5 7,5 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	0,49
1973	CHLORODIFLUOROMETHANE AND CHLOROPENTAFLUROETHANE MIXTURE with fixed boiling point, with approximately 49% chlorodifluoromethane (REFRIGERANT GAS R 502)	28,3 25,3 22,8 20,3	Allowed	Normal	1,05

1974	CHLORODIFLUORO-BROMOMETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 12B1)	7,4 7,0 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	1,61
1976	OCTAFLUOROCYCLOBUTANE (REFRIGERANT GAS RC 318)	8,8 7,8 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	1,34
1978	PROPANE	22,5 20,4 18,0 16,5	Allowed	Normal	0,42
1983	1-CHLORO-2,2,2-TRIFLUOROETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 133A)	7,0 7,0 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	1,18
2035	1,1,1-TRIFLUOROETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 143A)	31,0 27,5 24,2 21,8	Allowed	Normal	0,76
2424	OCTAFLUOROPROPANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 218)	23,1 20,8 18,6 16,6	Allowed	Normal	1,07
2517	1-CHLORO-1,1-DIFLUOROETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 142B)	8,9 7,8 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	0,99
2602	DICHLORODIFLUOROMETHANE AND 1,1-DIFLUOROETHANE AZEOTROPIC MIXTURE with approximately 74% dichlorodifluoromethane (REFRIGERANT GAS R 500)	20,0 18,0 16,0 14,5	Allowed	Normal	1,01
3057	TRIFLUOROACETYL CHLORIDE	14,6 12,9 11,3 9,9	Not Allowed	See 6.7.3.7.3	1,17
3070	ETHYLENE OXIDE AND DICHLORODIFLUOROMETHANE MIXTURE with not more than 12.5% ethylene oxide	14,0 12,0 11,0 9,0	Allowed	See 6.7.3.7.3	1,09
3153	PERFLUORO (METHYL VINYL ETHER)	14,3 13,4 11,2 10,2	Allowed	Normal	1,14
3159	1,1,1,2-TETRAFLUOROETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 134A)	17,7 15,7 13,8 12,1	Allowed	Normal	1,04
3161	LIQUEFIED GAS, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S.	See MAWP definition in 6.7.3.1	Allowed	Normal	See 4.2.2.7
3163	LIQUEFIED GAS, N.O.S.	See MAWP definition in 6.7.3.1	Allowed	Normal	See 4.2.2.7
3220	PENTAFLUOROETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 125)	34,4 30,8 27,5 24,5	Allowed	Normal	0,95

3252	DIFLUOROMETHANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 32)	43,0 39,0 34,4 30,5	Allowed	Normal	0,78
3296	HEPTAFLUOROPROPANE (REFRIGERANT GAS R 227)	16,0 14,0 12,5 11,0	Allowed	Normal	1,20
3297	ETHYLENE OXIDE AND CHLOROTETRAFLUOROETHANE MIXTURE, with not more than 8.8% ethylene oxide	8,1 7,0 7,0 7,0	Allowed	Normal	1,16
3298	ETHYLENE OXIDE AND PENTA- FLUOROETHANE MIXTURE, with not more than 7.9% ethylene oxide	25,9 23,4 20,9 18,6	Allowed	Normal	1,02
3299	ETHYLENE OXIDE AND TETRA- FLUOROETHANE MIXTURE, with not more than 5.6% ethylene oxide	16,7 14,7 12,9 11,2	Allowed	Normal	1,03
3318	AMMONIA SOLUTION, relative density less than 0.880 at 15 °C in water, with more than 50% ammo- nia	See MAWP definition in 6.7.3.1	Allowed	See 6.7.3.7.3	See 4.2.2.7
3337	REFRIGERANT GAS R 404A	31,6 28,3 25,3 22,5	Allowed	Normal	0,84
3338	REFRIGERANT GAS R 407A	31,3 28,1 25,1 22,4	Allowed	Normal	0,95
3339	REFRIGERANT GAS R 407B	33,0 29,6 26,5 23,6	Allowed	Normal	0,95
3340	REFRIGERANT GAS R 407C	29,9 26,8 23,9 21,3	Allowed	Normal	0,95

- (a) "Small" means tanks having a shell with a diameter of 1.5 m or less; "Bare" means tanks having a shell with a diameter of more than 1.5 m without insulation or sun shield (see 6.7.3.2.12); "Sunshield" means tanks having a shell with a diameter of more than 1.5 m with sun shield (see 6.7.3.2.12); "Insulated" means tanks having a shell with a diameter of more than 1.5 m with insulation (see 6.7.3.2.12); (see definition of "Design reference temperature" in 6.7.3.1).
- (b) The word "Normal" in the pressure relief requirements column indicates that a frangible disc as specified in 6.7.3.7.3 is not required.

T 75	Portable tank instruction	T 75
This portable tank instruction applies to refrigerated liquefied gases. The general provisions of Section 4.2.3 and the requirements of Section 6.7.4 shall be met.		

4.2.5.3 Portable tank special provisions

Portable tank special provisions are assigned to certain substances to indicate provisions which are in addition to or in lieu of those provided by the portable tank instructions or the requirements in Chapter 6.7. Portable tank special provisions are identified by an alpha numeric code beginning with the letters "TP" (tank provision) and are assigned to specific substances in Column (11) of Table A of Chapter 3.2. The following is a list of the portable tank special provisions:

TP 1 The degree of filling prescribed in 4.2.1.9.2 shall not be exceeded.

$$\left(\text{Degree of filling} = \frac{97}{1 + \alpha(t_r - t_f)} \right)$$

TP 2 The degree of filling prescribed in 4.2.1.9.3 shall not be exceeded.

$$\left(\text{Degree of filling} = \frac{95}{1 + \alpha(t_r - t_f)} \right)$$

TP 3 The maximum degree of filling (in %) for solids carried above their melting point and for elevated temperature liquids shall be determined in accordance with 4.2.1.9.5.

TP 4 The degree of filling shall not exceed 90% or, alternatively, any other value approved by the competent authority (see 4.2.1.16.2).

TP 5 The degree of filling prescribed in 4.2.3.6 shall be met.

TP 6 To prevent the tank bursting in any event, including fire engulfment, it shall be provided with pressure-relief devices which are adequate in relation to the capacity of the tank and to the nature of the substance carried. The device shall also be compatible with the substance.

TP 7 Air shall be eliminated from the vapour space by nitrogen or other means.

TP 8 The test pressure may be reduced to 1.5 bar when the flash point of the substances carried is greater than 0 °C.

TP 9 A substance under this description shall only be carried in a portable tank under an approval granted by the competent authority.

TP 10 A lead lining, not less than 5 mm thick, which shall be tested annually, or another suitable lining material approved by the competent authority is required.

TP 11 (Reserved)

TP 12 (Deleted)

TP 13 (Reserved)

TP 14 (Reserved)

TP 15 (Reserved)

TP 16 The tank shall be fitted with a special device to prevent under-pressure and excess pressure during normal carriage conditions. This device shall be approved by the competent authority. Pressure-relief requirements are as indicated in 6.7.2.8.3 to prevent crystallization of the product in the pressure-relief valve.

TP 17 Only inorganic non-combustible materials shall be used for thermal insulation of the tank.

TP 18 Temperature shall be maintained between 18 °C and 40 °C. Portable tanks containing solidified methacrylic acid shall not be reheated during carriage.

TP 19 The calculated shell thickness shall be increased by 3 mm. Shell thickness shall be verified ultrasonically at intervals midway between periodic hydraulic tests.

TP 20 This substance shall only be carried in insulated tanks under a nitrogen blanket.

TP 21 The shell thickness shall be not less than 8 mm. Tanks shall be hydraulically tested and internally inspected at intervals not exceeding 2.5 years.

TP 22 Lubricant for joints or other devices shall be oxygen compatible.

- TP 23** Carriage permitted under special conditions prescribed by the competent authorities.
- TP 24** The portable tank may be fitted with a device located under maximum filling conditions in the vapour space of the shell to prevent the build up of excess pressure due to the slow decomposition of the substance carried. This device shall also prevent an unacceptable amount of leakage of liquid in the case of overturning or entry of foreign matter into the tank. This device shall be approved by the competent authority or its authorized body.
- TP 25** (Reserved)
- TP 26** When carried under heated conditions, the heating device shall be fitted outside the shell. For UN 3176 this requirement only applies when the substance reacts dangerously with water.
- TP 27** A portable tank having a minimum test pressure of 4 bar may be used if it is shown that a test pressure of 4 bar or less is acceptable according to the test pressure definition in 6.7.2.1.
- TP 28** A portable tank having a minimum test pressure of 2.65 bar may be used if it is shown that a test pressure of 2.65 bar or less is acceptable according to the test pressure definition in 6.7.2.1.
- TP 29** A portable tank having a minimum test pressure of 1.5 bar may be used if it is shown that a test pressure of 1.5 bar or less is acceptable according to the test pressure definition in 6.7.2.1.
- TP 30** This substance shall be carried in insulated tanks.
- TP 31** This substance may only be carried in tanks in the solid state.
- TP 32** For UN Nos. 0331, 0332 and 3375, portable tanks may be used subject to the following conditions:
- (a) To avoid unnecessary confinement, each portable tank constructed of metal shall be fitted with a pressure-relief device that may be of the reclosing spring-loaded type, a frangible disc or a fusible element. The set to discharge or burst pressure, as applicable, shall not be greater than 2.65 bar for portable tanks with minimum test pressures greater than 4 bar.
 - (b) The suitability for carriage in tanks shall be demonstrated. One method to evaluate this suitability is test 8 (d) in Test Series 8 (see Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part 1, Sub-section 18.7).
 - (c) Substances shall not be allowed to remain in the portable tank for any period that could result in caking. Appropriate measures shall be taken to avoid accumulation and packing of substances in the tank (e.g. cleaning, etc.).
- TP 33** The portable tank instruction assigned for this substance applies to granular and powdered solids and to solids which are filled and discharged at temperatures above their melting point which are cooled and carried as a solid mass. For solids which are carried above their melting point, see 4.2.1.19.
- TP 34** Portable tanks need not be subjected to the impact test in 6.7.4.14.1 if the portable tank is marked "NOT FOR RAIL TRANSPORT" on the plate specified in 6.7.4.15.1 and also in letters of at least 10 cm high on both sides of the outer jacket.
- TP 35** Portable tank instruction T 14 prescribed in RID applicable up to 31 December 2008 may continue to be applied until 31 December 2014.