



Cargo Contamination on Tankers

The most important thing is that the tanks, pumps and lines have been thoroughly cleaned of the residues of previous products. This is particularly essential if the previous cargo has the potential to contaminate the cargo to be loaded. Therefore, the extent of the cleaning must be seen in relation to the cargo previously carried and that to be loaded.

Loading

- Prior to loading, a Tank Clean Certificate should be obtained from a surveyor.
- At the commencement of the loading, samples should be taken by the crew or an independent cargo surveyor, at the vessel's manifold or where the shore installation piping system ends.
- First foot samples should be taken and analyzed before the loading is allowed to continue.
- Upon completion of the loading, samples should be taken by the crew or an independent cargo surveyor, from all of the tanks.
- Depending on the cargo's composition, it may be necessary to take samples at different levels in the tanks.



Discharging

- In the discharge port, it is strongly recommended that the vessel's crew or an independent cargo surveyor, takes samples from each tank before the discharge operation commences.
- In addition, the crew should take cargo samples at the vessel's manifold at the commencement of the discharge of each parcel.

In the event of Contamination

- In the event of contamination, it is extremely important to take care of the samples and the cargo surveyor's report from the loading port.
- We as an insurer always strive to have the best qualified cargo surveyor acting on behalf of the cargo owner. The ship-owner will probably also call in another cargo surveyor.
- Therefore, it is important to act quickly and call in a qualified cargo surveyor immediately and of course also contact If Insurance cargo claims department.