

## Unit PSSPO101-4 Load and unload cargo transport units(SQA Unit Code-H77H 04)

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### Performance Criteria

#### You must be able to

#### Load and unload cargo transport units

1. respond in line with organisation's requirements, to requests for the removal or inspection of cargo
2. identify the cargo units to be unloaded, confirming that door locks and seals are intact, and ensure that the units are positioned in areas designated for de-vanning
3. ensure that where the cargo unit is refrigerated, that power supplies are disconnected prior to the unit being moved
4. establish whether the cargo unit contains fumigants and where these are present, deal with these before entering the unit
5. where necessary, position and prepare plant ready to be lifted into the hold
6. open cargo units carefully to prevent loose cargo falling out, and inspect the position of the cargo, recording any damage
7. ensure cargo is unloaded according to agreed procedures, in line with organisation's requirements, with full cooperation given to the authority requesting the work
8. identify and obtain where ancillary lighting is required to ensure safe working
9. where it is requested that removed cargo be segregated, check with the relevant authority whether emergency equipment/services are required, obtaining this where necessary before transferring the required cargo to an appropriate inspection site
10. reload cargo securely, taking into account the cargo type and the limitations of the cargo unit, and ensure an appropriate weight distribution
11. use loading and access equipment which is compatible with the cargo
12. seal loaded cargo units in accordance with legislative requirements
13. report any difficulties, and faults in the equipment and materials

### Knowledge and understanding

#### You need to know and understand

1. the legal responsibilities for maintaining own and others' health and safety in the workplace
2. the requirements placed upon the individual and the organisation by current legislation, relevant to cargo handling in own area of operations
3. current industry guidance **relevant to cargo handling** in own area of operations
4. own organisation's policies, procedures and working practices **relevant to cargo handling**
5. the operating procedures, capabilities (including manoeuvring characteristics) and limitations of the types of equipment within own area of operations
6. why it is important to report any faults defects prior to commencing operations
7. the organisational procedures for reporting and documenting equipment faults, tests and checks

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8. the implications of operating equipment that is unsafe or that has been serviced poorly
9. the principal characteristics of the main types of cargo, and the associated **hazards**
10. the classes of dangerous goods under and the relevant markings current regulations/code(s)
11. the **hazards** associated with fumigants and other noxious gases, and the importance of taking the relevant precautions to ensure adequate ventilation before entering storage areas
12. how to handle power supplies safely
13. the organisation's policies and procedures relating to loading and unloading cargo transport units relevant to own area of operations

### Scope

**Requirements relevant to cargo handling should include:** dry and liquid bulk, cargo transport unit, roll-on/roll-off

### Glossary

**Hazard:** something with potential to cause harm

**Risk:** a risk is the likelihood of the hazard's potential being realised