

Transport Infrastructure Act 1994
Transport Infrastructure (Ports) Regulation 1994
Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004

Port Notice

This Port Notice applies within the limits of the Port of Brisbane and its strategic port land and with respect to the port facilities owned or controlled by the Port of Brisbane Corporation (“the Port Area”).

Failure to comply with this notice is an offence: Max Penalty – 100 Penalty Units

Opening Sea Valves and Over Side Valves on Tankers and Chemical Tankers

Use of Tanker Sea and Overboard Discharge Valves

Within Brisbane Port Limits – Tanker Sea Valves and Over Side Valves should be closed and visibly secured. Section 7.5.2 of the Brisbane Port Procedures Manual specifies the reporting requirements for vessels wishing to tank wash. If ballasting through the Sea Valve, then the cargo line must be blanked off or the “spool piece” removed. Overboard Discharge Valves should be visibly locked shut and blanked off.

Tank Water Washing Whilst in Port

In this case the Sea Valves would be required to be open. The following procedures must be in place.

Complete Discharge

- Discharge and educt all cargo on board.
- Strip all cargo lines and send ashore through stripping line.
- An inspector/surveyor to verify the above requirements.
- The Master must sign a declaration confirming the total discharge and educting of all cargo lines. (Refer to the Port Procedures Manual – Section 12, Appendix 25, “Nil Cargo Declaration”).

The following minimum requirements must be satisfied:

- No other cargo pumping operation taking place.
- There must be a vacuum on the sea valve line.
- The Chief Officer must be present and in charge.
- The vessel must have a permit from the Port of Brisbane Corporation. The Master of the ship must sign the request. (Refer to the Port Procedures Manual – Section 12, Appendix 26, “Permit to Allow Opening of Sea Valves for Tank Washing”).
- Port of Brisbane Corporation and Queensland Transport (Duty Harbour Master) are to be advised 48 hours before arrival at the Pilot boarding ground.
- A designated officer from the Port of Brisbane Corporation must be present.

If a tanker is unable to satisfy all the above criteria then the ship should proceed to sea to do necessary tank washing before returning to back load cargo.