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## FOLK Maritime - Flexitank Cargo Guidelines

FOLK Maritime is committed to ensuring the safe and efficient transport of liquid cargoes using Flexitank systems within our containers. Our Flexitank Policy outlines the specifications, procedures, and responsibilities required to mitigate risks and prevent damage to containers and cargoes. This policy serves as a guide for shippers, logistics providers, and our internal teams to ensure compliance with our operational standards and safety protocols.

### Container Specifications:

- Must have 4 working locking bars.
- Require 2 proper vertical recesses at the door frame from the inside.
- Containers selected for Flexitank use should meet all standard requirements for structural integrity and be free of damage that could compromise the Flexitank.

### Acceptable Flexitank Materials:

- Black PVC, double-coated Flexitanks are approved for use.
- The use of second-hand materials or Flexitanks is strictly prohibited.

### Flexitank Installation:

- Corner protection must be installed up to the top of the container to safeguard the Flexitank.
- The Flexitank must be properly secured, with the left door kept closed before and during the loading process.
- A sturdy bulkhead must be placed at the front of the container to prevent cargo movement.

### Loading Procedure:

- Upon arrival at the loading site, open only the right-hand door; the left door must remain closed at all times.
- A sticker advising not to open the left door due to Flexitank presence is recommended.
- Verify the Flexitank's correct positioning and ensure it has not shifted during transport.
- Securely connect and commence pumping, closing the valve and securing the hose post-filling.

### Booking Instructions:

- Technical specifications of the Flexitank and the in-fitting company must be communicated to FOLK Maritime before booking.
- No Flexitank bookings are to be made without prior approval from our local Maintenance & Repair (M+R) team.

### Bill of Lading Requirements:

- The Bill of Lading must include clauses for the removal and disposal of the Flexitank at the customer's expense, return of the empty container without residues or the empty Flexitank, and without damages.

### Customer Responsibilities:

- Customers are liable for all damages attributable to the Flexitank, including but not limited to permanent deformations exceeding ISO limits, and will be responsible for corresponding repair costs.
- The dismantling and disposal of the Flexitank are the customer's responsibility, to be managed and paid for accordingly.
- Customers must ensure adequate insurance coverage for container damage, third-party damages, over-pumping of cargo, and residue removal.

### Policy Compliance:

FOLK Maritime reserves the right to refuse carriage for non-compliance with these procedures. In certain instances, FOLK Maritime may provide containers already prepared for Flexitank use. If a container is found leaking prior to loading, it may be withheld from the intended voyage until the shipper rectifies the issue.

This policy aims to increase awareness and adherence to safe Flexitank usage within FOLK Maritime-operated containers, ensuring the safety of our cargo, vessels, and the environment.

For further assistance or inquiries, please contact the FOLK Maritime customer service team at [CS@folkmaritime.com](mailto:CS@folkmaritime.com)

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