

46 U.S. Code § 8703 - Tankermen on tank vessels

(a) A vessel of the United States to which chapter [37](#) of this title applies, that has on board oil or hazardous material in bulk as cargo or cargo residue, shall have a specified number of the crew certified as tankermen as required by the Secretary. This requirement shall be noted on the certificate of inspection issued to the vessel.

[(b) Repealed. [Pub. L. 98-557](#), § 18, Oct. 30, 1984, [98 Stat. 2869](#).]

(c) A vessel to which section [3702 \(b\)](#) of this title applies shall have on board as a crewmember in charge of the transfer operation an individual certified as a tankerman (qualified for the grade of fuel transferred), unless a master, mate, pilot, engineer, or operator licensed under section [7101](#) of this title is present in charge of the transfer. If the vessel does not have that individual on board, chapter [37](#) of this title applies to the vessel.