



Repacking / Transfer of Waste

Introduction

Waste may need to be moved from one container to another; for example to transfer the contents of an IBC to the Plant for treatment, simply bulking up, or to move waste from a damaged container to a new one. There shall only be treatment or blending of compatible liquid waste which has the same EWC / UN Number these waste streams are held within drums, IBC's or tankers. Dusts and powders are not to be repacked.

Responsibilities

The persons responsible for this procedure are the Yard Supervisor, who authorise trained Operatives to carry out the repackaging. When a Tanker is required to transfer wastes, a trained Driver must be present.

Procedure

1. Waste may be repacked manually if it weighs below 25kgs. Waste containers that weigh more than 25kgs can only be pumped using a Tanker or poured using a Forklift Truck.
2. The procedure for treatment of wastes, or acceptance and dispatch go into more detail about the required paperwork for any stock movement, but this procedure is intended to ensure that repackaging or moving wastes is carried out cleanly and safely.

Mitigating the Risk

Repackaging Waste Manually; if the original container weighs less than 25kgs

- i. Check identity of the waste to be repacked
- ii. Is the new receptacle of the correct type and of the required size and there is enough capacity for the liquid?
- iii. Is there enough room to move the small container safely to the top of the new one? (If not, take the appropriate measures: e.g. move new container where easier to access)
- iv. Ensure suitable PPE is worn and any other safety equipment (e.g. Spill Kit) is to hand.
- v. You are in the correct area and away from any drains / water courses.
- vi. Will another person be required; e.g. to steady the drum during pouring (if so procedure should be carried out with mechanical assistance instead as below)
- vii. Open new container and place funnel in it. Open the container of waste, pick it up (according to Manual Handling Procedure) and pour the contents slowly through the funnel into the new container.
- viii. Close the new container, label and place in storage.
- ix. Remove old containers to the appropriate storage area.

Pouring Waste from Small Containers using the Forklift Truck: wastes may be poured from the Fork Lift Truck if the original container can be lifted directly by the truck (e.g. drums with drum clamp or IBC). A qualified and trained Forklift qualified Yard Operative may only carry this out.

- i. Check identity of the waste to be repacked

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- ii. Is the new receptacle of the correct type and of the required size and there is enough capacity for the liquid?
- iii. Is there enough room to move the small container safely to the top of the new one? (If not, take the appropriate measures: e.g. move new container where easier to access)
- iv. Ensure suitable PPE is worn and any other safety equipment (e.g. Spill Kit) is to hand.
- v. You are in the correct area and away from any drains / water courses.
- vi. Open the top of new container. Pick up using forklift according to training procedures and move old container over mouth of new one. Rotate container so waste can be poured slowly from old container to new one.
- vii. Close the new container, label and place in storage.
- viii. Remove old containers to the appropriate storage area.

Using a Tanker to Pump Waste:

Egan Waste Services tankers are fitted with onboard vacuum pumps which can be used to fill or empty the onboard tank, using vacuum mode or pressure mode on the onboard pump. For repacking 205Ltr Drums or IBC's of waste, using a Vacuum Tanker would be the preferred method as it is safer and more efficient than any other method.

The Driver is responsible for pumping the wastes, and where a Tanker is maneuvered into or from the Yard, a second person, e.g. Yard supervisor should direct the Driver in.

The Driver ensures the tank is clean and empty, he then loads the Tanker from the Drum(s) or IBC(s) accordingly.

They then drive to the containers / tanks to be filled, and unloads the tanker according to Loading and Unloading Tankers procedure. SP5.6

When the wastes have been moved, the Driver completes any necessary paperwork and passes it to the office.

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