
To all members,

Recognising the developments in the liquefied gas industry, SIGTTO has decided to amend our publication - ESD Arrangements & Linked Ship/Shore Systems for Liquefied Gas Carriers (2009).

The following sentence (in red) should be included at the end of the section on Routine Testing Prior to Cargo Operations.

"..... Post-arrival testing should include a function test of the link after connection but before commencement of cargo operations. This involves opening the manifold valves and proving they close by tripping the link. It is good practice to demonstrate proper valve movement in the cold condition by manipulating the valve at the end of arm cooldown. It is not essential to combine this cold valve test with a second ESD link test. Where the (cold condition) operation of the vapour valve would interfere with jetty boil-off gas recovery, this need not be carried out."

We request your assistance to circulate this information.

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