

FACT SHEET



Supply of Halon to Foreign Flag Vessels

This document has been prepared to assist fire protection industry technicians working in the maritime sector to be aware of arrangements for the provisions of halon for recharging fire protection systems located in foreign flag vessels.

Availability of recycled Halon 1301 for supply to a foreign flag vessel can be guaranteed from the National Halon Bank in Australia. Supply is limited to the recharging of fire protection systems to ensure the safe operation of the ship.

Procedures:

1. Maintenance of fire protection systems using Halon 1301 or Halon 1211 (or other ozone depleting or synthetic greenhouse gases) including the decommissioning of systems and disposal of waste gases must be undertaken by a licensed fire protection technician.
2. The supply of gas to recharge fire protection systems in foreign flag vessels must be arranged through a technician licensed to handle ozone depleting or synthetic greenhouse gases.
3. Bulk fire protection agents will not normally be supplied to ships in excess of that required to make good losses from existing fire protections systems. Requests for additional gas will be considered on a case by case basis.
4. All halon supplied from the National Halon Bank has been recovered from decommissioned fire protection systems and reclaimed to meet ISO 7201 - 1.
5. The National Halon Bank can arrange for the safe disposal of contaminated or unwanted halon (or other fire protection agents) or refrigerant gases.

Website: www.environment.gov.au/atmosphere/ozone/ods/halon/index.html

Note: Under the Regulations, any dry powder fire extinguisher or extinguishing system that uses a CFC, HCFC or HFC as a propellant, must also be maintained by a technician who holds the appropriate license.

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Halon Bank Bulk Storage Halon 1301.



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