

**OREGON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES**

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**PROGRAM DIRECTIVE**

Program Directive A-17  
Issued January 1, 1979  
Revised November 21, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Flammable Liquids: Use & Storage

**AFFECTED STANDARDS/  
DIRECTIVES:** 1910.106(d)(4)

**PURPOSE:** To provide additional information on the application of 1910.106(d)(4).

**BACKGROUND:**

- A. A review of various OSHA documents concerning the application of the requirements of 1910.106(d)(4) has shown evidence of inconsistency in the use of interpretations.
- B. This program directive is in accordance with the intent of the consensus standards committee of the source standard, National Fire Protection Association, Sectional Committee on General Storage of Flammable Liquids, as indicated in the Flammable and Combustible Liquid Code NFPA #30, 1973.

**ACTION:** Pending a revision of Division 2/H, flammable liquids rules, COs should be guided by the following:

- A. When the only operation involved is the storage of flammables in containers or tanks that are closed and remain closed throughout the storage, treat the storage area like a warehouse as referred to in 1910.106(d)(5)(v). In this instance, use Tables H-14 and H-15.
- B. When the procedure involved is mixing, transferring, or other exposure of liquid to vaporization where the containers do not remain closed in the storage area, use 1910.106(d)(4) (ii) and refer to Table H-13 to determine permissible quantities.

**EFFECTIVE  
DATE:** This directive is effective immediately and will remain in effect until canceled or superseded.

**History:** Issued 1-1-1979 Revised 5-8-2000. 1-14-2013 and 11-24-2014