



Gafta Standard for Fumigation V8.0 2021 What's Changed

The Gafta Standard for Fumigation V8.0 2021 is a revision of the Gafta Standard for Fumigation V7.0 2019. Many of the changes have been made to bring consistency with the Gafta Standard for Analysis & Testing and the Gafta Standard for Supervision, Sampling & Check Weighing.

Certification to the Gafta Standard for Fumigation is required for inclusion on the Gafta Approved Register of Fumigators. Being on the Gafta Approved Register enables a fumigation company to carry out its activities under Gafta contract terms.

NOTE: This is a brief summary of the changes in the Standard. Fumigators should carefully consider each of the requirements in V8.0 2021 to ensure they continue to comply.

The Gafta Standard for Fumigation V8.0 is published from 1 March 2021.

Audits to the Gafta Standard for Fumigation V8.0 2021 will commence for all new and renewing members from 1 June 2021.

C - General Terms & Definitions

The General Terms & Definitions have been updated to ensure the consistent use of the terms 'must' and 'should' across all three Gafta Standards.

A definition of 'evidence' is included.

1.0 General Obligations & Requirements

Clarity is provided on the certification and audit requirements for multi-site and multi-national organisations.

Fumigators must have a documented operating and management procedure which must be reviewed on a regular basis through a Management Review process.

Clarity is provided for the responsibility for the provision/cost of RPE on board vessels during marine in-transit fumigation, and for the requirement and provision of a fumigator to carry out ventilation operations. Both these items should be made clear in the nomination for the work order.

2.0 Complaints Procedure

A new requirement is included to ensure complaints feed into the Management Review process.

4.0 Risk Assessment

The requirement to complete a HACCP is removed and replaced with the requirement for a Risk Assessment considering all risks to the business and operations.

5.0 Internal Audit

The requirement to carry out regular (at least annual) internal audits has been included. The Standard details the minimum requirements for an internal audit process, which must be carried out by a trained person. Internal audit results must feed into the management review process.

Gafta provides an online training module - **Conducting an Internal Audit** - to help members meet this requirement. Please visit www.gafta.com/online-short-courses.

6.0 Records & Record Keeping

These items have been moved from the Introduction section to the Requirements section to remove ambiguity. Records must now be kept for a minimum of seven years (increased from five years).

9.0 Training

Training requirements now include the requirement for individual job descriptions which define competence and regular performance reviews to identify on-going training needs.

10.0 In-Transit Fumigation with Phosphine

Slight changes have been made to the wording of some of the requirements within this section to remove ambiguity and provide clarity.

11.0 In-Port Fumigation

The requirements in this section are also made suitable for use with sulfur dioxide.

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12.0 Fumigation of Freight Containers

Slight changes have been made to the requirements within this section to bring in line with IMDG Code requirements.

14.0 Degassing & Ventilation

A new requirement is added for the fumigator to have written procedures and risk assessments for all the types of ventilation carried out.

Ventilation carried out offshore at an agreed safe anchorage point is now included.

Appendix I [v7.0 version] – Gafta Approved Register of Fumigators Requirements & Code of Conduct

This section is now removed and provided in a new document: **Gafta Approved Register of Fumigators Code of Practice**. This is consistent with all Gafta Standards and Approved Registers.

Appendix I [v8.0 version] – Accepted Methods of Phosphine Application

This section has been updated to include new products (liquid phosphine) and further recommendations on the various methods of application e.g. the use of recirculation equipment.

Appendix III – Properties of Ordinarily Used Fumigants

This section has been updated to include sulfur dioxide.