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- **Part Number:** 1917
- **Part Title:** Marine Terminals
- **Subpart:** C
- **Subpart Title:** Cargo Handling Gear and Equipment
- **Standard Number:** 1917.50
- **Title:** Certification of marine terminal material handling devices (See also mandatory appendix I, of this part).

1917.50(a)

The employer shall not use any material handling device listed in paragraph (c) of this section until he has ascertained that the device has been certified, as evidenced by current and valid documents attesting to compliance with the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section.

1917.50(a)(1)

Certification surveys are to be completed for the conditions of use found at the time such surveys are completed, with the understanding that equipment owners/users can change the configurations of the equipment according to the manufacturers specifications without affecting the established certification status for the equipment.

1917.50(a)(2)

In cases of foreign manufactured cranes, there shall be an owner's warranty that the design is adequate for the intended use. The warranty shall be based on a thorough examination of the design specifications by a registered professional engineer familiar with the equipment.

1917.50(b)

The certifications required by this section shall be performed

1917.50(b)(1)

In accordance with Part 1919 of this chapter, by persons then currently accredited by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration as provided in that part; or

..1917.50(b)(2)

1917.50(b)(2)

In accordance with standards established and enforced by the state in which the device is located or by a political subdivision thereof, which have been found by the Secretary to be compatible with Part 1919 of this chapter, by persons designated as competent to perform such certification by competent state authority and recognized as such by the Secretary.

1917.50(c)

The marine terminal material handling devices listed below shall be certified in the following manner:

1917.50(c)(1)

Each crane and derrick shall be tested as a unit quadrennially, and shall be examined annually. Certificates of tests and examinations shall be made readily available for inspection.

1917.50(c)(2)

Bulk cargo spouts and suckers, together with any portable extensions and rigging or outriggers supporting them vertically, shall be examined annually. Certificates attesting to the required examination shall be made readily available for inspection.

1917.50(c)(3)

Vertical pocket or bucket conveyors such as banana, sugar, and grain marine legs (other than those within a grain elevator structure) used within a marine terminal facility shall be examined annually. The annual examination shall include all supporting structures, rigging and mechanical components and observation of all steps of operations. Certificates attesting to the required examinations shall be readily available for inspection.

..1917.50(c)(4)

1917.50(c)(4) 1917.50(c)(4)(i)

House fall cargo-handling gear in use shall be proof load tested as a unit upon initial certification and every fourth year thereafter. An examination shall be carried out in conjunction with each unit proof load test and annually thereafter. The unit test shall consist of a proof load of 25 percent in excess of the rated safe working load. Examinations shall include all supporting structures and components. Certificates attesting to the required tests and examinations shall be readily available for inspection.

1917.50(c)(4)(ii)

House fall span beams or other house fall block supports shall be marked with the safe working load, which shall not be exceeded.

1917.50(c)(5)

Special gear.

1917.50(c)(5)(i)

Special stevedoring gear provided by the employer, the strength of which depends upon components other than commonly used stock items such as shackles, ropes, or chains, and that has a Safe Working Load (SWL) greater than five short tons (10,000 lbs or 4.54 metric tons) shall be inspected and tested as a unit before initial use ([see Table A in paragraph \(c\)\(5\)\(ii\) of this section](#)). In addition, any special stevedoring gear that suffers damage necessitating structural repair shall be inspected and retested after repair and before being returned to service.

1917.50(c)(5)(ii)

Special stevedoring gear provided by the employer that has a SWL of five short tons (10,000 lbs or 4.54 metric tons) or less shall be inspected and tested as a unit before initial use according to paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section or by a designated person (see Table A in this paragraph (c)(5)(ii)).

Table A	
Safe working load	Proof load
Up to 20 short tons (18.1 metric tons)	25 percent in excess
From 20 through 50 short tons (18.1 to 45.4 metric tons)	5 short tons in excess
Over 50 short tons (45.4 metric tons)	10 percent in excess

1917.50(c)(5)(iii)

Every spreader that is not a part of ship's gear and is used for handling intermodal containers shall be inspected and tested before initial use to a proof load equal to 25 percent greater than its rated capacity. In addition, any spreader that suffers damage necessitating structural repair shall be inspected and retested after repair and before being returned to service.

1917.50(c)(5)(iv)

All cargo handling gear covered by this section with a SWL greater than five short tons (10,000 lbs. or 4.54 metric tons) shall be proof load tested according to Table A of this section every 4 years in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section or by a designated person.

1917.50(c)(5)(v)

Certificates and inspection and test records attesting to the tests required by this section shall be available for inspection.

..1917.50(c)(6)

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Wire rope and loose gear obtained after October 3, 1983, and used for material handling shall have been tested and certificated before being placed into use in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) of 1919.31 and 1919.32 through 1919.34 of this chapter as applicable. Certificates attesting to the required tests, inspections and examinations shall be available.

1917.50(d)

Disassembly and reassembly of equipment does not require recertification of the equipment provided that the equipment is reassembled and used in a manner consistent with its certification.

1917.50(e)

For equipment certificated in accordance with paragraph (b)(2) of this section and transferred to a job site in another state, the current certification shall remain valid until the next inspection or examination becomes due.

1917.50(f)

Certification procedures shall not be construed as a substitute for, or cause for elimination of, normal operational inspection and maintenance routine throughout the year.

1917.50(g) 1917.50(g)(1)

Every unit of equipment requiring quadrennial certification shall have had such quadrennial certification within the previous 48 months. Equipment requiring annual certification shall have had such annual certification within the previous 12 months, except that no annual certification is required within 12 months after any required quadrennial certification. Annual examinations for certification may be accomplished up to one month early without effect on subsequent due dates.

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When certificated equipment is out of service for 6 months or more beyond the due date of a certification inspection, an examination equivalent to an initial certification, including unit proof load test, shall be performed before the equipment re-enters service.

1917.50(h)

Loose gear obtained after October 3, 1983 shall bear a legible mark indicating that it has been tested (see paragraph (c)(6) of this section).

Single sheave blocks shall be marked with safe working loads and proof test loads. Marks relating to testing shall be identifiable on the related certificates, which shall be available.

1917.50(i)**Safe working load.****1917.50(i)(1)**

The safe working load of gear as specified in this section shall not be exceeded.

1917.50(i)(2)

All cargo handling gear provided by the employer with a safe working load greater than five short tons (10,000 lbs. or 4.54 metric tons) shall have its safe working load plainly marked on it.

1917.50(j)

Exceptions: The certification requirements of this section do not apply to the following equipment:

1917.50(j)(1)

Small industrial crane trucks as described on page 8 and illustrated on page 13 of ASME B56.1, 1959, "Safety Code for Powered Industrial Trucks", and powered industrial trucks;


1917.50(j)(2)


Any straddle truck not capable of straddling two or more intermodal containers 16 feet (4.88 m) in width; and

1917.50(j)(3)

Gear used only for handling or holding hoses, handling ship's stores or handling the gangway.

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