

SB #1-02 PCMSC Implementation Compliance Dates



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INFORMATION

During the 1999 negotiations, several changes to the Pacific Coast Maritime Safety Code (PCMSC) were agreed to. Some of these changes were effective upon ratification. Some changes had different implementation dates. The dates were documented in a jointly signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated July 2, 1999. Since the PCMSC negotiation group is soon to reconvene for the 2002 negotiations, we ask that you review the rules and dates below to assure that your terminal or Company has complied with the 1999 MOU before negotiations begins.

ACTION

Employers should take note of the effective dates for changes in the PCMSC as listed in the following table as a result of the 1999 negotiations.

TABLE OF EFFECTIVE DATES FOR THE 1999 PCMSC CHANGES

Effective dates	Of interest to:-	Rule changes
Ratification	Ship owners / agents Stevedores and Terminal operators.	NEW Rule 221: Open containers of paint and other flammable materials shall not be located under ships crane or winch platform access ladders.
Ratification	Ship owners / agents Stevedores and Terminal operators.	COMBINE RULES 225 and 226 into Rule 225: Garbage remaining on deck, pending collection, shall be kept in covered containers, and shall never be placed so that passageways are blocked or so that it will otherwise interfere with stevedoring operations.
Ratification	Ship owners / agents Stevedores and Terminal operators.	AMEND Rule 282: When the upper end of the gangway access rests on or is flush with the top of the bulwark, substantial steps, properly secured against all movement and equipped with at least one substantial handrail approximately thirty-three inches (33") in height shall be provided between the top of the bulwark and the deck.
Ratification	Ship owners / agents Stevedores and Terminal operators.	NEW rules 286, 3363, 1061, and 1522: All overhead obstructions 6'5" or lower on gangways shall be clearly marked with a high visibility color
Ratification	Terminal operators	AMEND Rules 343, 1418, 1613: Amended rules provide for more channel and frequency separation between operations. (Note: see full text of rule and exceptions permitted to this rule.)

Ratification	Terminal operators and Maintenance departments	NEW Rule 358: When Top/ Side/Strad container handling equipment is repaired outside of the shop area. Mechanics shall have radio communication with all necessary personnel.
90 days after Ratification	Stevedores and Terminal operators.	NEW Rule 359: If a vessel cannot provide safe access for longshore workers to inspect ship's gear, it shall be the responsibility of the employer to provide an alternative and safe means of access.
Ratification	Terminal operators Container crane owners/lessors and Maintenance departments	NEW Rules 360 and 1446: ILWU mechanics, when working on container cranes, shall have radio communications.
1/1/2001	Terminal operators and Stevedores	NEW Rule 361: When a direct employer provides a gangway: It shall be at least twenty-four inches (24") wide and properly secured to the ship. The gangway shall be provided with a two-rail railing on each side; the upper rails shall be at least thirty-three inches (33") high. Rails shall consist of wood, taut ropes or chains, or other equally safe devices.
Ratification	Terminal operators	NEW Rule 362: In order to expedite emergency services, each container facility will designate its own separate radio channel. This channel may also be used for supervisory or security purposes.
Ratification	Terminal operators and Stevedores	AMEND Rule 403: Safety Talk must be given at the start of each shift for both ship and dock operations with expanded topics. (see new rule for details.)
Ratification	Terminal operators	NEW Rule 420 and 660: Use of radios for personal communication is prohibited. (See new rule for full text)
Jan 1, 2000	Terminal operators	AMEND Rule 651 Amends hard hat rule to better comply with OSHA requirements. New hats shall comply with ANSI Z 89.1 1997 (See new rule for full text)
Ratification	Terminal operators and planners	NEW Rules 1172 and 1629: Top Handlers, Side Handlers and Reach stackers must maintain a minimum separation of one container length when working in the same aisle. Back to back operation permitted in aisles over 100 feet wide. (See new rule and diagrams)
Ratification	Terminal operators and planners	NEW Rule 1173 and 1613: Containers of different lengths can not be stored in the same bay on the terminal. (See new rule and diagram)
4/1/2000	Terminal operators, Stevedores and Maintenance Departments	NEW Rule 1236: All Glad Hands fitted to hustlers (tractors) operated by longshore workers on marine terminals shall be of the type that "break away" at the tractor end of the hose.
1/1/2001	Terminal Operators , Crane Owners/ Lessors; Maintenance departments.	NEW Rule 1447: All steps and ladder rungs on shore side cranes and Rubber Tired Gantry Cranes (RTG's) shall be constructed of or covered with non-skid material.
Ratification	Joint Area Accident Prevention Committees (JAPCs)	New Rule 1448 The Joint Area Accident Prevention Committee will contact their local fire departments to set up yearly high rescue exercises for hammerhead container crane personnel in each port. All records and reports derived for such exercises shall be reflected in the minutes of the

		JAPC. If local agencies are unable to participate in such rescue exercises, a written procedure will be jointly developed.
6/1/2002	Terminal operators and container crane owners/ lessors	NEW Rule 1449: All shipside container gantry crane (hammerhead crane) cabs shall be equipped with a pressurized filtered air system.
Ratification	Terminal operators and truckers	NEW Rule 1630: Hustlers and tractors pulling trailers chassis or bomb carts must stay back a minimum of one container length from the bay being worked until the hoisting vehicle is ready to service them. (See new rule and diagram)
Ratification	Terminal operators and planners	NEW Rule 1632: RTG operations: When hoisting containers to or from trailers , chassis or bomb carts, stacks adjacent to the truck lanes shall not exceed 2 high. (See new rule and diagram)
Ratification	Terminals with rail facilities	AMEND Rule 17.101: Written rail safety plan must be available to the union on request
Ratification	Terminals with rail facilities	NEW Rule 17.106: Added traffic safety rule which is duplicate of Rule 1605
90 days after Ratification	PMA Training Facilities	NEW Addenda regarding preventing disease transmission: Add module to first aid class on "Bloodborne Pathogens"
Jan 1, 2000	PMA Training Facilities	AMEND Addenda regarding hard hats: Specifies new types of hard hats to be issued to new members of the workforce after Jan 1, 2000. (Note: existing hard hats, already issued are still perfectly safe to wear)
Jan 1, 2000	Southern California AAPC	Memorandum of Understanding to further discuss traffic patterns and safe driving communications. Explore and implement a mutually agreeable solution to this communication problem by Jan 1, 2000.

It should be noted that in many cases the actual text of rule is not quoted in the interests of saving space. Users of this table are directed to the text of the rules themselves for the full details and diagrams. Detail can be found in the 1999 revision of the PCMSC.