

## PROGRAM DIRECTIVE

Program Directive A-17  
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**SUBJECT:** Flammable and Combustible Liquids: Use & Storage

**AFFECTED CODES/  
DIRECTIVES:** OAR 437-02-1910.106(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 and combustible liquids rules, CO's 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, the storage area shall be considered to refer to a warehouse as referred to in OAR 1910.106(d)(5)(v). In this instance, Tables H-14 and H-15 shall be used.
- B. When the procedure involved is mixing, transferring or other exposure of liquid to vaporization through operational procedures in which the containers do not remain closed in the storage area, OAR 1910.106(d)(4) (ii) shall be considered to refer to Table H-13 shall be used to determine permissible quantities.

**EFFECTIVE  
DATE:**

This directive is effective immediately and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded.