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Interpretation of sub-section 3.9(b), BCH Code
(corresponds to paragraph 13.1.1.2 of the IBC Code)

Sub-section 3.9(b) of the Code reads as follows:

'(b) Restricted device which penetrates the tank and which, when in use, permits a small quantity of cargo vapour or liquid to be exposed to the atmosphere. When not in use, the device is completely closed. The design should ensure that no dangerous escape of tank contents (liquid or spray) can take place in opening device.'

This paragraph may be interpreted as follows:

'A restricted device could be a sounding pipe with inside diameter not exceeding 200 mm, with vapour tight cover.'
Interpretation of paragraph 4.9.2, BCH Code
(corresponds to paragraph 15.12.2 of the IBC Code)

Paragraph 4.9.2 of the Code reads as follows:

‘Tank venting systems should be provided with a connection for a vapour return line to shore installation.’

This paragraph may be interpreted as follows in respect of the provision of a stop valve for the connection of tank venting systems with lines for the return of vapours to shore plants:

‘Tank venting systems should be provided with a stop valve for vapour return line to shore.’
Interpretation of paragraph 4.11.2, BCH Code
(corresponds to paragraph 15.14.4 of the IBC Code)

Paragraph 4.11.2 of the above Code reads as follows:
‘Connections for returning the expelled gases ashore during loading should be provided.’

This paragraph may be interpreted as follows in respect of the provision of a stop valve for the connection of tank venting systems with lines for the return of vapours to shore plants:

‘Tank venting systems should be provided with a stop valve for vapour return line to shore.’