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DESCRIPTION

The merging of major container companies and other large operators has continued during recent years. Despite these industry shifts, the shipowner's primary responsibility remains unchanged: safely transporting and delivering cargo in prime condition to protect their reputation with clients. Thus, the principles of stowage written by Captain R.E. Thomas nearly 100 years ago are as relevant today as they were then in ensuring a satisfactory outcome.

This Edition has been updated with the latest 2026 legislation and continues to simplify complex responsibilities by providing up-to-date, practical guidance on timeless safety protocols:

Cargo Segregation : Preventing taint, contamination, and dangerous chemical reactions between incompatible goods

Secure Stowage: Properly lashing cargo to avoid destructive shifting or chafing during transit

Atmospheric Control: Ventilating correctly to protect goods from sweat damage and dangerous fume build-up

Voyage Monitoring: Routinely checking cargo spaces to maintain precise carriage conditions

Compiled by drawing upon the shared wisdom, expertise, and current field experience of global shipping organisations and maritime experts, this new edition ensures that modern crews and terminal managers are fully equipped for today's operational challenges.

To reflect current maritime knowledge and evolving best practices, Thomas' Stowage integrates comprehensive updates across all sections:

Enhanced Operational Guidance: Part 2 features revised and expanded procedural sections

Expanded Commodity Directory: Parts 3A and 3B introduce a range of new commodities alongside revisions to existing entries

Critical Safety Appendices : Appendix 5 has been expanded with crucial updates on solid bulk cargoes that may liquefy or present hazardous properties

Modern Maritime Terminology Appendix 8 features an updated Glossary of Cargo Handling and Shipping Terms

