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## Introduction

During a systematic review of ISO 5555:2001, it was proposed to add a method for sampling flexitanks, a form of transport which is increasing in popularity for small-volume high-value oils. Flexitanks pose certain difficulties for samplers and the introduction of this subclause into ISO 5555 will ensure that representative samples of the commodity can be produced.

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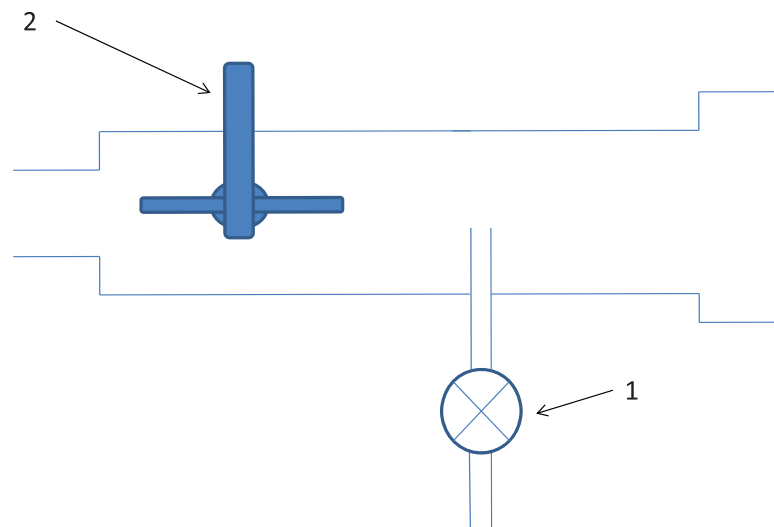
### 6.6.5 Sampling of flexitanks

“Flexitank” is the general term for a means of transporting liquid oils and fats using a flexible plastic/rubber bag inside a rigid steel/plastic container. A common format of the flexitank is a multilayer, single-use plastic bag fitted inside a 6,1 m (20 foot) general-purpose intermodal container as specified in ISO 1496-1<sup>1)</sup>. The bag is laid out inside the container and filled by pumping oil into it from a land tank, while the bag is restrained inside the container by a bulk head. A heating pad may be included in the container if required.

It is not possible to sample a flexitank once it has been filled, and sampling shall take place during the process of filling or discharging. Thus, the method described in 6.6 shall be used.

Where oil transfer facilities do not grant an appropriate point to draw representative samples, it is suggested that a length of pipe of about 0,3 m, with appropriate connections at each end and fitted with a suitable dripcock and valve, be manufactured. This pipe would then be attached between the flexitank valve and the discharge line prior to commencing loading/dischARGE in order to draw incremental samples throughout the process (see [Figure 2](#)).

Accordingly, incremental samples will be carefully mixed to form bulk representative samples of the whole cargo, which may then be subdivided to provide multiple samples. The minimum size of the bulk sample from a flexitank shall be 5 l, independent of the volume of oil in the tank.



#### Key

- 1 dripcock
- 2 butterfly valve

**Figure 2 — Coupling for flexitank sampling**

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