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UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF THE IBC CODE

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-sixth session (11 to 20 May 2016), and the Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its seventieth session (24 to 28 October 2016), in order to facilitate global and consistent implementation of survival requirements of the IBC Code, approved a *Unified interpretation of the IBC Code*, prepared by the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction, at its third session (18 to 22 January 2016), as set out in the annex.

2 Member States are invited to apply the annexed unified interpretation and to bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX

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International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code)

Chapter 2

Ship survival capability and location of cargo tanks

2.9 Survival requirements

Interpretation:

Other openings capable of being closed weathertight do not include ventilators (complying with regulation 19(4) of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966) that for operational reasons have to remain open to supply air to the engine room or emergency generator room (if the same is considered buoyant in the stability calculation or protecting openings leading below) for the effective operation of the ship.
