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UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF PARAGRAPH 4.4.8.1 OF THE LSA CODE

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 100th session (3 to 7 December 2018), with a view to providing more specific guidance on the provision of buoyant oars and related equipment for lifeboats, approved the following Unified Interpretation of paragraph 4.4.8.1 of the LSA Code, prepared by the Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment at its fifth session (12 to 16 March 2018):

For a lifeboat equipped with two independent propulsion systems, where the arrangement consists of two separate engines, shaft lines, fuel tanks, piping systems and any other associated ancillaries, paragraph 4.4.8.1 of the LSA Code need not be applied. For all other aspects, the lifeboat should be in full compliance with paragraph 4.4.8 of the LSA Code.

2 Member States are invited to use the above Unified Interpretation as guidance when applying the provisions of paragraph 4.4.8.1 of the LSA Code and to bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.
