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**INTERPRETATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE FOR THE APPLICATION OF
FIRE TEST PROCEDURES (FTP CODE) AND FIRE TEST PROCEDURES
REFERRED TO IN THE CODE**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-second session (17 to 26 May 2000), approved, with a view to ensuring uniform application of the fire test provisions of the FTP Code containing vague wording which is open to diverging interpretations, unified interpretations prepared by the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection, at its forty-fourth session, as set out in the annex.

2 Member Governments are invited to use the annexed interpretations as guidance when applying relevant provisions of the FTP Code for the testing of new materials tested on or after 26 May 2000, in order to fulfill the requirements of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, and to bring the interpretations to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX

INTERPRETATIONS OF THE FTP CODE AND FIRE TEST PROCEDURES REFERRED TO IN THE CODE

Part 1 – Non-combustibility test

Paragraph 2.1

The test exposure need not exceed a 30 minute duration.

Part 3 – Test for “A”, “B” and “F” class divisions

Paragraph 2.2.1

The minimum bulkhead panel height should be a standard height of the manufactured panel with a dimension of 2,400 mm.

Resolution A.754(18), appendix A.II

Paragraph 2.2.4

The distance between the fire damper and the structural core specified in paragraph 2.2.4 means the distance between the fire damper centre and the structural core.

Paragraph 4

If evaluation of insulation is required, it should prevent a temperature rise at any point on the surface not exceeding 180°C above the initial temperature. The average temperature rise is not relevant.
