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UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF THE 2000 HSC CODE

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-seventh session (12 to 21 May 2010), with a view to ensuring a uniform approach towards the application of the amendments to the 2000 HSC Code adopted by resolution MSC.222(82) and following the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Equipment, at its fifty-second session, approved a unified interpretation of the 2000 HSC Code as follows:

"The amendments set out in the annex to resolution MSC.222(82) apply to high-speed craft constructed on or after 1 July 2008.

However, the amendments concerning paragraphs 1.2.2 (asbestos), 1.8.1 (certificates), 1.9.1.1 (transit voyages without Permit to Operate), 2.7.2 (measurement of lightship where inclining experiment is impractical), 13.8.2 (carriage of ECDIS) and 14.15.10 (testing and maintenance of satellite EPIRBs) apply to high-speed craft constructed on or after 1 July 2008 and to high-speed craft constructed on or after 1 July 2002 but prior to 1 July 2008."

2 Member Governments are invited to use the above interpretation when applying the relevant requirements of the 2000 HSC Code and to bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.