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**APPLICATION FOR EXISTING APPROVALS ACCORDING TO THE REVISED
GUIDELINES FOR THE APPROVAL OF EQUIVALENT FIXED GAS
FIRE-EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS, AS REFERRED TO IN SOLAS 74,
FOR MACHINERY SPACES AND CARGO PUMP-ROOMS (MSC/CIRC.848)**

1 The Committee, at its eighty-sixth session (27 May to 5 June 2009), having considered the proposal by the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection, at its fifty-third session, with regard to the application for existing approvals according to the Revised Guidelines for approval of equivalent fixed gas fire-extinguishing systems, as referred to in SOLAS 74, for machinery spaces and cargo pump-rooms (MSC/Circ.848), in relation to the amendments to the Revised Guidelines (MSC.1/Circ.1267), agreed to the following interpretation:

“Type approvals conducted in accordance with the Revised Guidelines for approval of equivalent fixed gas fire-extinguishing systems, as referred to in SOLAS 74, for machinery spaces and cargo pump-rooms (MSC/Circ.848) should remain valid until 1 July 2012.”

2 Member Governments are invited to apply the above interpretation when approving equivalent fixed gas fire-extinguishing systems, as referred to in SOLAS 74, for machinery spaces and cargo pump-rooms, and bring it to the attention of ship designers, shipowners, equipment manufacturers, test laboratories and other parties concerned.