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**UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF SOLAS REGULATION II-2/16.3.3 FOR PRODUCTS
REQUIRING OXYGEN-DEPENDENT INHIBITORS**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-fifth session (3 to 12 June 2015), approved a unified interpretation of SOLAS regulation II-2/16.3.3, prepared by the Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response, at its second session (19 to 23 January 2015), as set out in the annex.

2 Member Governments are invited to use the annexed unified interpretation as guidance when applying the relevant requirements of the SOLAS Convention and to bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX

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SOLAS regulations II-2/16.3.3.2 and 16.3.3.3 (Operation of inert gas system)¹

When a product containing an oxygen-dependent inhibitor is carried on a ship for which inerting is required under SOLAS chapter II-2, the inert gas system shall be operated as required to maintain the oxygen level in the vapour space of the tank at or above the minimum level of oxygen required under paragraph 15.13 of the IBC Code and as specified in the Certificate of Protection.

¹ Expected entry into force 1 January 2016.