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UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF THE 2000 HSC CODE

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-sixth session (11 to 20 May 2016), in order to facilitate global and consistent implementation of the requirements of the 2000 HSC Code, approved a unified interpretation for chapter 1 of the 2000 HSC Code, as set out in the annex.

2 Member States are invited to apply the annexed unified interpretation and to bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX

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Chapter 1, paragraph 1.4.34 – Definition of the term "Lightweight"

The weight of mediums on board for the fixed firefighting systems (e.g. freshwater, CO₂, dry chemical powder, foam concentrate, etc.) should be included in the lightweight and lightship condition.
