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UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF SOLAS REGULATION II-1/3-5

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-eighth session (24 November to 3 December 2010), with a view to ensuring a uniform approach towards the application of SOLAS regulation II-1/3-5 concerning the interpretation of the term "new installation of materials containing asbestos" and following the recommendation made by the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Equipment at its fifty-third session, approved a unified interpretation of SOLAS regulation II-1/3-5, as follows:

"In the context of this regulation, "new installation of materials containing asbestos" means any new physical installation on board. Any material purchased prior to 1 January 2011 being kept in the ship's store or in the shipyard for a ship under construction, should not be permitted to be installed after 1 January 2011 as a working part."

2 Member Governments are invited to use the above interpretation when applying the relevant provisions of SOLAS regulation II-1/3-5 and to bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.