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UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF THE IBC CODE

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-sixth session (27 May to 5 June 2009), with a view to providing more specific guidance for application of the relevant requirements of the IBC Code, approved the unified interpretation of chapter 11 of the IBC Code, as amended by resolution MSC.219(82) and resolution MEPC.166(56), prepared by the Sub-Committee on Bulk Liquids and Gases, as set out in the annex.

2 Member Governments are invited to use the annexed unified interpretation as guidance when applying relevant provisions of chapter 11 of the IBC Code, as amended by resolutions MSC.219(82) and MEPC.166(56) for ships constructed on or after 1 June 2009 and to bring the unified interpretation to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX

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Chapter 11, paragraphs 11.1.1.3 and .4 – Application

1 SOLAS regulations II-2/10.2 and 10.4 apply to cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and over under SOLAS and to chemical carriers, regardless of size, under the IBC Code.

2 SOLAS regulation II-2/10.5, except for paragraph 10.5.6, applies to chemical tankers, regardless of size, constructed on or after 1 July 1986.

3 SOLAS regulation II-2/10.5.6 applies only to chemical tankers constructed on or after 1 July 2002 and of 2,000 gross tonnage and above.
