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**UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SAFETY FOR
HIGH-SPEED CRAFT, 1994 (1994 HSC CODE)**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-eighth session (24 November to 3 December 2010), with a view to providing more specific guidance for certain Rules which are open to different interpretations contained in IMO instruments, approved the unified interpretations of the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 1994 (1994 HSC Code) prepared by the Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue, at its fourteenth session, as set out in the annex.

2 Member Governments are invited to use the annexed unified interpretations as guidance when applying relevant provisions of the 1994 HSC Code and to bring the unified interpretations to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX

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Chapter 14 – Radiocommunications

The current text of chapter 14:

" Craft should be provided with radiocommunications facilities as specified in chapter 14 of the 2000 HSC Code (resolution MSC.97(73)), as amended up to and including resolution MSC.222(82), that are fitted and operated in accordance with the provisions of that chapter."

should be interpreted as not requiring carriage of the equipment prescribed in paragraphs 14.6.4 (distress panel) and 14.6.6 (distress alert panel) of the 2000 HSC Code.