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UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE FSS CODE

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-seventh session (21 to 25 November 2016), with a view to providing more specific guidance on sizing the emergency power source for the fire detection and alarm system, approved a unified interpretation of chapter 9 of the FSS Code, prepared by the Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment at its third session (14 to 18 March 2016), as set out in the annex.

2 Member States are invited to use the annexed unified interpretation as guidance when applying paragraph 2.2.4 of chapter 9 of the FSS Code and to bring the unified interpretation to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX

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Fixed fire detection and fire alarm systems

The "30 minutes" in paragraph 2.2.4 of chapter 9 of the FSS Code means the last 30 minutes of the periods required under SOLAS regulations II-1/42 and II-1/43 (18 hours for cargo ships and 36 hours for passenger ships).
