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**UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS REGULATIONS III/20.8.4 AND 20.11,
AND RESOLUTION MSC.402(96)**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 109th session (2 to 6 December 2024), approved, with a view to providing more specific guidance on the applicability of SOLAS regulation III/20.11 and resolution MSC.402(96) to inflated rescue boats, unified interpretations (UIs) of SOLAS regulations III/20.8.4 and 20.11, and resolution MSC.402(96), prepared by the Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment, at its tenth session (4 to 8 March 2024), as set out in the annex.

2 Member States are invited to use the annexed UIs as guidance when applying SOLAS regulations III/20.8.4 and 20.11, and resolution MSC.402(96), and to bring the UIs to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX

**UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS REGULATIONS III/20.8.4 AND 20.11,
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RESOLUTION MSC.402(96)

SOLAS CHAPTER III

Life-saving appliances and arrangements

Regulations III/20.8.4 and 20.11 – Operational readiness, maintenance and inspections

SOLAS regulation III/20.11 and resolution MSC.402(96) should also be applicable to inflated rescue boats.
