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INTERPRETATIONS OF THE 2000 HSC CODE AND SOLAS CHAPTER X

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-seventh session (28 May to 6 June 2003), with a view to ensuring a uniform approach towards the design, building and operation of high-speed craft constructed in accordance with the provisions of the 2000 HSC Code as well as SOLAS chapter X, approved interpretations of the provisions of the Code and SOLAS chapter X as set out in annexes 1 and 2 respectively, following the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Equipment at its forty-sixth session, the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection at its forty-seventh session and the Sub-Committee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety at its forty-sixth session.

2 Member Governments are invited to use the annexed interpretations when applying relevant provisions of the 2000 HSC Code and SOLAS chapter X, and to bring them to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX 2

INTERPRETATION OF PROVISION OF SOLAS CHAPTER X

Regulation 2.2 - Interpretation of “major character”

The following repairs, alterations and modifications should be recognized as being of a “major character”:

- .1 any change that substantially alters the dimensions of a high-speed craft

Example:

Lengthening by adding new mid-body; new mid-body should comply with 2000 HSC Code;

- .2 any change that substantially alters the passenger accommodation

Example:

Vehicle deck converted to passenger accommodation; new accommodation should comply with the 2000 HSC Code; and

- .3 any change that substantially increases the service life of a high-speed craft

Example:

Renewal of passenger accommodation on one entire deck; renewed accommodation should comply with the 2000 HSC Code.
