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UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF THE IMDG CODE

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 102nd session (4 to 11 November 2020), with a view to providing more specific guidance for the application of the relevant requirements of the *International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code* (IMDG Code), approved the following unified interpretation of the IMDG Code prepared by the Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers, at its sixth session:

"Life-saving appliances (paragraph 7.1.4.4.2)

The term "life-saving appliances" means the ship's main survival craft and rescue boat(s) as required by SOLAS regulations III/21 or III/31.1 and is not intended to mean other life-saving appliances, such as lifebuoys, additional liferafts as required by SOLAS regulation III/31.3.2 and III/31.1.4 and any lifejackets and immersion suits associated with such liferafts."

2 Member States are invited to use the above unified interpretation as guidance when applying the relevant provisions of the IMDG Code and to bring the unified interpretation to the attention of all parties concerned.