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UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS CHAPTER II-2, AND THE 1994 AND 2000 HSC CODES

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 110th session (18 to 27 June 2025), approved the *Unified interpretations of SOLAS chapter II-2, and the 1994 and 2000 HSC Codes*, prepared by the Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment, at its eleventh session (24 to 28 February 2025), in order to provide the necessary clarity on how compliance with the requirements to prohibit PFOS will be demonstrated for both new and existing ships, as set out in the annex.

2 Member States are invited to use the annexed unified interpretations as guidance from 1 January 2026 when applying SOLAS regulations II-2/1.2.10 and 10.11.2.2, and regulation 7.9.4 of the 1994 and 2000 HSC Codes, respectively, and to bring them to the attention of all parties concerned.

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ANNEX

**UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS CHAPTER II-2,
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SOLAS regulations II-2/1.2.10 and 10.11.2.2, as amended by resolution MSC.532(107), and regulation 7.9.4 of the 1994 and 2000 HSC Codes

1 The phrase "fire-extinguishing media" should include the fire-fighting foams.

2 The phrase "containing perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)" should mean present in concentrations of PFOS above 10 mg/kg (0.001% by weight).

3 Verification that "extinguishing media containing perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)" are not used or stored on ships should require the Administration or its recognized organization to review the maker's declaration or laboratory test reports for the extinguishing media covered by the SOLAS Convention, which should be provided to the Administration or to its recognized organization by shipyards, repair yards and equipment makers.

4 The declaration issued by the foam maker should contain information about the foam such as, but not limited to: foam type, production period, batch number, reference to type approval/Marine Equipment Directive (MED) Certificate for the foam.

5 For extinguishing media installed before 1 January 2026, where the maker's declaration or laboratory test reports are not available, sampling and testing of the extinguishing media on board should be required to be conducted in accordance with a recognized standard.