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**UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE FOR  
APPLICATION OF FIRE TEST PROCEDURES (FTP CODE)**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-fourth session (7 to 16 May 2008), with a view to providing more specific guidance for application of the relevant requirements of part 3 of Annex 1 of the International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures (FTP Code), approved the unified interpretation of the FTP Code prepared by the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection, at its fifty-second session (14 to 18 January 2008), as set out in the annex.

2 Member Governments are invited to use the annexed unified interpretation as guidance when applying relevant provisions of part 3 of Annex 1 of the FTP Code for ships constructed on or after 9 May 2008 and to bring the unified interpretation to the attention of all parties concerned.

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## ANNEX

## UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF THE FTP CODE

**Annex 1, part 3 – Test for “A”, “B”, and “F” class divisions**

1 A fire door of marginally larger dimensions than a fire-tested fire door may be individually assessed and accepted for a specific project with the same classification, provided all of the following is met:

- .1 the dimensions (width, height) are not more than 15% above those of the tested door;
- .2 the surface area of the door is not more than 10% above that of the tested door;
- .3 the door design does not deviate in any other aspect from the one tested; and
- .4 the tested door has successfully satisfied both insulation and integrity criteria for the following times, as appropriate:
 

▪	B-0	0 min insulation	36 min integrity
▪	B-15	18 min insulation	36 min integrity
▪	A-0	0 min insulation	68 min integrity
▪	A-15	18 min insulation	68 min integrity
▪	A-30	36 min insulation	68 min integrity
▪	A-60	68 min insulation	68 min integrity

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