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UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE FSS CODE

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-fourth session (17 to 21 November 2014), with a view to providing more specific guidance for the application of the relevant requirements of the FSS Code, approved the following unified interpretation for paragraph 2.1.2.2 of chapter 3 of the FSS Code:

"Paragraph 2.1.2.2 of chapter 3 of the FSS Code, adopted by resolution MSC.339(91), requires an audible alarm and a visual or other device which will alert the user. In this context, a pressure indicator, with which the user can read that the volume of remaining air in the cylinder has been reduced to no less than 200 litres, regardless of the need for supplemental lighting, may be regarded as a visual device."

2 Member Governments are invited to use the above unified interpretation as guidance when applying the relevant provision of the FSS Code and to bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.