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**UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL BULK CHEMICALS (IBC) CODE**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-third session (3 to 12 October 2007), with a view to providing more specific guidance for application of the relevant requirements of the International Bulk Chemicals (IBC) Code, approved a unified interpretation of chapter 3 of the IBC Code prepared by the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection, at its fifty-first session (5 to 9 February 2007), as set out in the annex.

2 Member Governments are invited to use the annexed unified interpretation as guidance when applying relevant provisions of chapter 3 of the IBC Code for ships constructed on or after 5 October 2007 and to bring the unified interpretation to the attention of all parties concerned.

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**ANNEX**

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**Paragraph 3.2.1 – Location of paint lockers within cargo block**

- 1 Paint lockers, regardless of their use, should not be located above the cargo area.
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