1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninetieth session (16 to 25 May 2012), with a view to ensuring a uniform approach towards the application of the provisions of SOLAS regulation II-1/3-5, and following a recommendation made by the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Equipment, at its fifty-sixth session, approved the annexed unified interpretation concerning the means by which compliance with SOLAS regulation II-1/3-5 is achieved.

2 In this context, it is recalled that 1 January 2011 was the entry into force date of the amendments to SOLAS regulation II-1/3-5 adopted by resolution MSC.282(86) and the date on which the interpretation of the term “new installation of materials containing asbestos” as contained in MSC.1/Circ.1379 became effective.

3 Member Governments are urged to implement as soon as possible the annexed interpretation when verifying compliance with SOLAS regulation II-1/3-5 and to bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.

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ANNEX

UNIFIED INTERPRETATION ON IMPLEMENTATION
OF SOLAS REGULATION II-1/3-5 AND MSC.1/Circ.1379

Interpretation of SOLAS regulation II-1/3-5

1. Administrations or recognized organizations acting on their behalf should verify that materials which contain asbestos, as prohibited under SOLAS regulation II-1/3-5, are not installed on ships by reviewing asbestos-free declarations and supporting documentation for the structure, machinery, electrical installations and equipment covered by the SOLAS Convention, which should be provided to the Administration or recognized organization by shipyards, repair yards and equipment manufacturers, taking into account appendix 8 of the 2011 Guidelines for the development of the inventory of hazardous materials (resolution MEPC.197(62)).

Interpretation of MSC.1/Circ.1379

2. The phrase "new installation of materials containing asbestos" in MSC.1/Circ.1379:
   .1 means that material used (i.e. repaired, replaced, maintained or added) as a working part of the ship as per the appendix should be documented with an asbestos-free declaration. The Administration or recognized organization should audit this documentation, in consultation with the Company's nominated person responsible to control asbestos-containing material onboard as per the Safety Management System in accordance with the Guidelines for maintenance and monitoring of onboard materials containing asbestos (MSC/Circ.1045), during annual safety construction and safety equipment surveys; and
   .2 does not preclude the stowage of material which contains asbestos on board (e.g. spare parts existing on board as of 1 January 2011).

3. The phrase "should not be permitted to be installed after 1 January 2011 as a working part" in MSC.1/Circ.1379 means that replacement, maintenance or addition of materials which contain asbestos used for the structure, machinery, electrical installations and equipment covered by the SOLAS Convention is prohibited.
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| Propeller shafting        | Packing with low pressure hydraulic piping flange  
Packing with casing  
Clutch  
Brake lining  
Synthetic stern tubes |
| Diesel engine             | Packing with piping flange  
Lagging material for fuel pipe  
Lagging material for exhaust pipe  
Lagging material turbocharger |
| Turbine engine            | Lagging material for casing  
Packing with flange of piping and valve for steam line, exhaust line and drain line  
Lagging material for piping and valve of steam line, exhaust line and drain line |
| Boiler                    | Insulation in combustion chamber  
Packing for casing door  
Lagging material for exhaust pipe  
Gasket for manhole  
Gasket for hand hole  
Gas shield packing for soot blower and other hole  
Packing with flange of piping and valve for steam line, exhaust line, fuel line and drain line  
Lagging material for piping and valve of steam line, exhaust line, fuel line and drain line |
| Exhaust gas economizer    | Packing for casing door  
Packing with manhole  
Packing with hand hole  
Gas shield packing for soot blower  
Packing with flange of piping and valve for steam line, exhaust line, fuel line and drain line  
Lagging material for piping and valve of steam line, exhaust line, fuel line and drain line |
| Incinerator               | Packing for casing door  
Packing with manhole  
Packing with hand hole  
Lagging material for exhaust pipe |
| Auxiliary machinery (pump, compressor, oil purifier, crane) | Packing for casing door and valve  
Gland packing  
Brake lining |
| Heat exchanger            | Packing with casing  
Gland packing for valve  
Lagging material and insulation |
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| Valve                     | Gland packing with valve, sheet packing with piping flange  
Gasket with flange of high pressure and/or high temperature |
| Pipe, duct                | Lagging material and insulation |
| Tank (fuel tank, hot water, tank, condenser), other equipments (fuel strainer, lubricant oil strainer) | Lagging material and insulation |
| Electric equipment        | Insulation material |
| Ceiling, floor and wall in accommodation area | Ceiling, floor, wall |
| Fire door                 | Packing, construction and insulation of the fire door |
| Inert gas system          | Packing for casing, etc. |
| Air-conditioning system   | Sheet packing, lagging material for piping and flexible joint |
| Miscellaneous             | Ropes  
Thermal insulating materials  
Fire shields/fire proofing  
Space/duct insulation  
Electrical cable materials  
Brake linings  
Floor tiles/deck underlay  
Steam/water/vent flange gaskets  
Adhesives/mastics/fillers  
Sound damping  
Moulded plastic products  
Sealing putty  
Shaft/valve packing  
Electrical bulkhead penetration packing  
Circuit breaker arc chutes  
Pipe hanger inserts  
Weld shop protectors/burn covers  
Fire-fighting blankets/clothing/equipment  
Concrete ballast |

**Note:** The above list is taken from resolution MEPC.197(62), appendix 5, paragraph 2.2.2.1.