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UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF THE 1969 TM CONVENTION

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-sixth session (11 to 20 May 2016), approved the Unified interpretation of the 1969 TM Convention, relating to heat exchangers (coolers) fitted on the hull, prepared by the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction, at its third session (18 to 22 January 2016), as set out in the annex, with a view to ensuring a uniform approach towards the application of the relevant provisions of the 1969 TM Convention.

2 Member States are invited to use the annexed unified interpretation when applying the relevant provisions of the 1969 TM Convention and to bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX

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Regulation 2(4) – Enclosed spaces

Regulation 6(2) – Calculation of volumes

Heat exchangers (coolers) fitted in hull recesses or outside of the hull should be treated as machinery under interpretation R.2(4)-9 set out in the annex to the *Unified interpretations relating to the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969* (TM.5/Circ.6) and not as appendages.
