The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-sixth session (11 to 20 May 2016), in order to facilitate global and consistent implementation of the requirements of the 2000 HSC Code, approved a unified interpretation for chapter 1 of the 2000 HSC Code, as set out in the annex.

Member States are invited to apply the annexed unified interpretation and to bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.
Annex

UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF THE 2000 HSC CODE

Chapter 1, paragraph 1.4.34 – Definition of the term "Lightweight"

The weight of mediums on board for the fixed firefighting systems (e.g. freshwater, CO₂, dry chemical powder, foam concentrate, etc.) should be included in the lightweight and lightship condition.