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UNIFIED INTERPRETATION RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL GRAIN CODE

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-sixth session (11 to 20 May 2016), in order to facilitate global and consistent implementation of requirements concerning the angle of down-flooding of the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (International Grain Code), approved unified interpretation relating to the International Grain Code, 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.

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

ANNEX

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Part A – Specific requirements

In applying Φ_1 , openings which cannot be or are incapable of being closed weathertight, include ventilators (complying with regulation 19(4) of the *International Convention on Load Lines, 1966*) that for operational reasons have to remain open to supply air to the engine room or emergency generator room (if the same is considered buoyant in the stability calculation or protecting openings leading below) for the effective operation of the ship.
