The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-sixth session (11 to 20 May 2016), in order to facilitate global and consistent implementation of flooding assumptions requirements of the IGC Code, approved unified interpretation relating to the IGC 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.

Member States are invited to apply the annexed unified interpretation and to bring them to the attention of all parties concerned.
2.7 Survival requirements

Other openings capable of being closed weathertight do not 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.