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**UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF VAGUE EXPRESSIONS AND OTHER
VAGUE WORDING OF SOLAS CHAPTER II-2**

1 With a view to ensuring uniform application of the requirements of SOLAS regulations II-2/3.3.1 and 3.3.2, the Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-fourth session (30 May to 8 June 2001), approved the unified interpretation prepared by the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection, at its forty-fifth session, as set out in the attached annex.

2 Member Governments are invited to use the said unified interpretation as guidance when applying the provisions of SOLAS regulations II-2/3.3.1 and 3.3.2, and to bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX**UNIFIED INTERPRETATION TO SOLAS CHAPTER II-2****Regulations II-2/3.3.1 and 3.3.2****Application of “light-weight constructions”**

“Light-weight constructions” (honeycomb type, etc.) of steel or equivalent material may be used as non load-bearing internal “A” class divisions in accommodation and service spaces, provided they have successfully passed the relevant standard fire test according to resolution A.754(18)*. These “light-weight constructions” should not be used as an integral part of main fire zone bulkheads and stairway enclosures on passenger ships.

* Refer to part 3 of the Fire Test Procedures Code.