



## Unified Interpretation of the LSA Code

Notice to: Ship Owners / Managers / Operators / Surveyors

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This Circular is issued to advise that the IMO Maritime Safety Committee, at its 107<sup>th</sup> session (31 May to 09 June 2023) approved unified interpretations to the LSA Code, which are provided as an Annex to [MSC.1/Circ.1674](#).

These interpretations concern Paragraphs 4.1.5.1.13, 4.4.8.16, and 5.1.2.2.7 of the LSA Code – Equipment of liferaft, lifeboat, and rescue boat, respectively, and are:

- One spare bulb should be provided for torches utilizing either a filament bulb or single LED to provide the light source. Where the light source is provided by more than one LED, a spare LED bulb is not required, provided the failure of any one LED does not prevent the other LEDs from fully functioning.
- Provision of a second ready-for-use waterproof electric torch suitable for Morse signalling can be accepted as an alternative to providing one spare set of batteries and one spare bulb in a waterproof container.

### Act now

Ship Owners, Managers, Operators, and Surveyors should use the annexed unified interpretations as guidance when applying paragraphs 4.1.5.1.13, 4.4.8.16 and 5.1.2.2.7 of the LSA Code.

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**UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF THE LSA CODE  
AND THE 1994 AND 2000 HSC CODES**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 107th session (31 May to 9 June 2023), with a view to providing more specific guidance on paragraphs 4.1.5.1.13, 4.4.8.16 and 5.1.2.2.7 of the LSA Code; paragraph 3.8.10 of annex 10 to the 1994 HSC Code; and paragraph 3.8.10 of annex 11 to the 2000 HSC Code, approved unified interpretations of the LSA Code and the 1994 and 2000 HSC Codes, prepared by the Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment, at its ninth session (27 February to 3 March 2023), as set out in the annex.

2 Member States are invited to use the annexed unified interpretations as guidance when applying paragraphs 4.1.5.1.13, 4.4.8.16 and 5.1.2.2.7 of the LSA Code; paragraph 3.8.10 of annex 10 to the 1994 HSC Code; and paragraph 3.8.10 of annex 11 to the 2000 HSC Code, and to bring them to the attention of all parties concerned.

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**ANNEX**

**UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF THE LSA CODE  
AND THE 1994 AND 2000 HSC CODES**

**Paragraphs 4.1.5.1.13, 4.4.8.16 and 5.1.2.2.7 of the LSA Code – Equipment of liferaft, lifeboat and rescue boat, respectively**

**Paragraph 3.8.10 of annex 10 to the 1994 HSC Code – Equipment of open reversible liferaft**

**Paragraph 3.8.10 of annex 11 to the 2000 HSC Code – Equipment of open reversible liferaft**

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