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**UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF PARAGRAPHS 6.1.1.3  
AND 6.1.2.2 OF THE LSA CODE**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 110th session (18 to 27 June 2025), approved the unified interpretations of paragraphs 6.1.1.3 and 6.1.2.2 of the LSA Code, prepared by the Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment, at its eleventh session (24 to 28 February 2025), with a view towards universal and uniform implementation of paragraphs 6.1.1.3 and 6.1.2.2 of the LSA Code on the launching appliances and launching mechanisms, as set out in the annex.

2 Member States are invited to use the annexed unified interpretations as guidance when applying paragraphs 6.1.1.3 and 6.1.2.2 of the LSA Code and to bring them to the attention of all parties concerned.

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## ANNEX

### UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF PARAGRAPHS 6.1.1.3 AND 6.1.2.2 OF THE LSA CODE

#### **Paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the LSA Code**

For cargo ships, hoisting up of a dedicated rescue boat from its stowed position should be considered as part of launching preparation, but not part of the launching process. Therefore, manual hoisting up prior to embarkation may be acceptable for subsequent slewing out.

#### **Paragraph 6.1.2.2 of the LSA Code**

For cargo ships not fitted with stored mechanical power in compliance with paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the LSA Code, as amended through resolution MSC.459(101), the manual hoisting from the stowed position and turning out to the embarkation position of the rescue boat does not need to be actuated from a position within the rescue boat.

Launching mechanism is the means to control the launch of the lifeboat or rescue boat after the point of embarkation when all persons assigned have boarded. Therefore, for cargo ships, manual hoisting up of a dedicated rescue boat prior to embarkation may be acceptable for subsequent slewing out by stored mechanical power.

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