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**ADDENDUM TO THE INTERPRETATIONS OF THE  
FIRE PROTECTION-RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE HSC CODE**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-second session (17 to 26 May 2000), approved draft interpretations of section 7.8.6 and paragraph 7.8.6.1 of the 1994 HSC Code, as set out in the annex to the present circular, with a view to their incorporation in the MSC circular on Interpretations of the HSC Code prepared by the FP Sub-Committee. However, noting that MSC 71 had already approved MSC/Circ.911 on Interpretations of the fire protection-related provisions of the HSC Code, the Committee decided to incorporate the approved interpretations to section 7.8.6 and paragraph 7.8.6.1 into the interpretations contained in MSC/Circ.911 by means of the present addendum.

2 Member Governments are invited to bring the annexed interpretations to the attention of all those concerned, with the request to use them in conjunction with the interpretations contained in MSC/Circ.911 when applying the fire protection-related provisions of the 1994 HSC Code.

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**ANNEX**

**INTERPRETATIONS OF SECTION 7.8.6 AND PARAGRAPH 7.8.6.1  
OF THE 1994 HSC CODE**

**Section 7.8.6**

**Sizing of pumping and drainage arrangements**

- (1) Pumping and drainage arrangements should be such as to prevent the accumulation of water on any of such decks.
- (2) In respect of scuppers and drainage pumps, the following should be complied with:
  - .1 when calculating the amount of water the capacity of both the water spraying system pumps and required number of fire hose nozzles should be taken into account;
  - .2 the drainage system should have a capacity of not less than 125% of the capacity specified in .1;
  - .3 bilge wells should be of sufficient holding capacity and should be arranged at the side shell of the ship at a distance from each other of not more than 40 m in each watertight compartment.

**Paragraph 7.8.6.1**

**Sizing of scuppers and drainage pumps**

For the sizing of scuppers and drainage pumps the capacity of both the water spraying system pumps and the water discharge from the required number of fire hose nozzles specified in 7.7.8.4 as applicable, should be taken into account.

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