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**UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF THE REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE APPROVAL
OF EQUIVALENT WATER-BASED FIRE-EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS FOR
MACHINERY SPACES AND CARGO PUMP-ROOMS (MSC/CIRC.1165)**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-second session (12 to 21 June 2013), approved the following unified interpretation of the *Revised Guidelines for the approval of equivalent water-based fire-extinguishing systems for machinery spaces and cargo pump-rooms* (MSC/Circ.1165), concerning the term "bilge area" (paragraph 3 of the annex to the Revised Guidelines), prepared by the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection, at its fifty-sixth session (7 to 11 January 2013):

"Bilge area is the space between the engine-room floor plates (perforated or non-perforated) or gratings and the bottom of the engine-room."

2 Member Governments are invited to use the above interpretation when applying the Revised Guidelines and to bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.