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UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF PARAGRAPH 1.2.2.6 OF THE LSA CODE CONCERNING LIFEBOAT EXTERIOR COLOUR

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninetieth session (16 to 25 May 2012), with a view to ensuring a uniform approach towards the application of the provisions of paragraph 1.2.2.6 of the International Life-saving Appliance (LSA) Code, and following a recommendation made by the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Equipment, at its fifty-sixth session, approved the following unified interpretations concerning lifeboat exterior colour, taking into account sections 4.5.2 and 4.6.2 of the LSA Code:

> "Highly visible colour" only includes colours of strong chromatic content, i.e. pure achromatic colours such as white and all shades of grey should not be accepted as "comparable" colours.
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> The above is applicable to the exterior of the rigid watertight enclosure of totally enclosed lifeboats and the exterior of the canopy of partially enclosed lifeboats.

2 Member Governments are invited to use the interpretation from 21 May 2012 when applying the relevant provisions of paragraph 1.2.2.6 of the LSA Code and to bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.