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LIAISON NOTE

Comments on ENG liaison note regarding Retroreflective Materials

# INTRODUCTION

ENG requested that ARM amend the MBS regarding Retroreflective Materials detailed in recommendation E-106.

1. Take into consideration to implement information in MBS on retroreflecting material and its placement on the buoys for guidance of illumination enhancement for the mariners.
2. Take into consideration to implement information in MBS on retroreflecting material and its placement on modified lateral marks and wreck marking buoys.
3. Take into consideration if an explanation should be presented in MBS on which countries are using the different code systems – the Standard Code or the Comprehensive Code.

# COMMENTS

The proposed amendments to the MBS will be considered at the next MBS revision, which is expected to take place during the next IALA session (2018-2022).

A comprehensive summary of the contents of the E-106 recommendation should be added to the **Navguide chapter 3 Aids to Navigation, section 3.2.4.3 “Retroreflective Materials”.** This section is currently *empty*, in the IALA wiki it simply says “This section to be developed”. This is in an area of the NAVGUIDE under the responsibility of the ENG Committee.

The ARM Committee recognizes the importance of having the knowledge of the code used (Standard Code or the Comprehensive Code), but incorporation to the MBS at this time is not possible.

# ACTION REQUESTED

The ENG committee is requested to:

Add a comprehensive summary of Recommendation E-106 to the currently undeveloped section 3.2.4.3 Retroreflective Materials in the NAVGUIDE.