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| From: EEP Committee | ANM18/9/7  Formerly EEP18/output/4 |
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Liaison Note

Examine the use of Audible Signals as aids to navigation and develop an IALA Guideline on their future

# Introduction

The EEP Committee thanks the ANM Committee for the opportunity to comment on the draft Guideline on the use of audible signals (ANM17/output/16A).

# Comment

The EEP Committee has reviewed the draft Guideline and offers the following comments:

1. Introduction- clarification of the difference between hazard warning and Aids to Navigation would benefit from further explanation.
2. The document would benefit from section/paragraph numbering.
3. ‘Sound Signals and Their Use’ in the first paragraph refers to range but does not clarify if it is the nominal or usual range which are both defined, in part, later in the document. It is suggested that this is clarified here and at other points in the document. It may be beneficial for IALA to decide on what range type it prefers to use when specifying recommended ranges and to consider if E-109 and the NAVGUIDE needs to be adjusted based on this decision.
4. Page 7. Below the ‘usual range’ table, reference is made to IALA Recommendation E-109 and as such it is questioned whether it is appropriate to include this level of detail in the new guideline or whether E-109 should be updated with re-formatted information of this nature. In general, the interface between the new Guideline and E-109 may benefit from a detailed review, once ANM can fully review and establish the intent of the new guideline.
5. It is suggested that in the ‘Fog Detectors’ section the words ‘are also used’ are replaced with ‘are used’ and in the last sentence to replace ‘These’ with ‘Both types’.

# Action requested

The ANM Committee is requested to consider the comments provided.