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| From: e-NAV Committee | ANM19/41  Formerly e-NAV 12/output/36 |
| To: ANM Committee | 28 September 2012 |

Liaison Note

AIS AtoN Reference in ITU-R M.1371-4

# Background

The e-Navigation Committee reviewed ITU-R M.1371-4 and identified that there was no indication within the AIS AtoN message 21 for the Emergency Wreck Marking Buoy. In response, the e-Navigation Committee identified, in Table 72 – *Nature and Type of AtoN identified in 32 codes* – that there was a spare code ‘4’.

# Discussion

To ensure the ability to identify an Emergency Wreck Marking Buoy in AIS, the e-Navigation Committee redefined the code ‘4’ from ‘spare, reserved for future use’ to ‘Emergency Wreck Marking Buoy’.

In the course of the review of ITU-R M.1371 the e-Navigation Committee noted, in Table 72, code ‘31’ with descriptor of ‘Light Vessel / LANBY / Rigs. The Committee also noted code ‘3’ with descriptor ‘Fixed structure off-shore, such as oil platforms, wind farms’. The e-Navigation Committee feels that there is duplication in these codes and would request clarification from the ANM Committee regarding the need for both codes ‘3’ and ‘31’, noting that the only spare code (code ‘4’) has now been allocated to Emergency Wreck Marking Buoy.

Specifically:

1. What is the intent of code ‘31’ and code ‘3’?
2. If these codes are representing similar AtoN, is code ‘31’ still required, in light of the availability of code ‘3’?

# Action requested

The ANM Committee is requested to note the information provided.