

Article 3.01 - Application and definitions

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1. When visibility conditions so require, the visual signals prescribed for use at [night](#) shall also be displayed by [day](#).
2. Sketches of the signals prescribed in this chapter are contained in [annex 3](#) to these regulations.
3. In this chapter:
 - (a) The term "masthead light" means a strong [white light](#) projecting an uninterrupted beam throughout a horizontal arc of 225° and placed so as to project that beam from the bow to 22°30' abaft the beam on each side;
 - (b) The term "side lights" means a bright [green light](#) to starboard and a bright [red light](#) to port, each of these lights projecting an uninterrupted beam throughout a horizontal arc of 112°30' and placed so as to project that beam from the bow to 22°30' abaft the beam on its side;
 - (c) If not prescribed otherwise, the term "stern light" means an ordinary or bright white light projecting an uninterrupted beam throughout a horizontal arc of 135° and placed so as to project this beam throughout an arc of 67°30' along each side from the stern;
 - (d) The term "light visible from all directions" means a light projecting an uninterrupted beam throughout a horizontal arc of 360°;
 - (e) The term "height" means the height above the level of the maximum draught marks or, for [vessels](#) without draught marks, above the waterline.
4. When passing through the opening of a fixed or closed bridge or weir, or when passing through locks, vessels may carry the lights, boards, balls, etc. provided for in this chapter at a reduced height so that passage may be effected without difficulty.