

Article 3.10 - Marking for pushed convoys under way

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Regional or national deviation from Article is possible under the provisions of Chapter 9

1. Pushed [convoys](#) shall carry:

By [night](#):

(a)

(i) Three masthead lights at the bow of the leading [vessel](#) or the vessel on the port side at the head of the [convoy](#). These lights shall be arranged in an equilateral triangle with a horizontal base, in a plane perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the convoy. The top light shall be at a height of not less than 5 m. The two lower lights shall be about 1.25 m apart and about 1.10 m below the top light;

(ii) A masthead light at the bow of any other vessel whose full width is visible from ahead. This light shall so far as possible be 3 m below the top light referred to under (i).

The masts carrying these lights shall be in the longitudinal axis of the vessel in which they are carried;

(b) The side lights prescribed in [article 3.08](#), paragraph 1 (b); these lights shall be placed on the widest part of the convoy, as near the pusher as possible, not more than 1 m from the sides of the convoy and at a height of not less than 2 m;

(c)

(i) Three stern lights as prescribed in [article 3.08](#), paragraph 1 (c) on the pusher, placed in a line perpendicular to its longitudinal axis, about 1.25 m apart and high enough not to be hidden by another vessel in the convoy;

(ii) A stern light on every vessel whose full width is visible from astern; however, when more than two [vessels](#) other than the pusher are visible from astern, this light shall be carried only by the two vessels on the outside of the convoy.

2. The provisions of paragraph 1 above shall also apply to pushed convoys preceded by night by one or more auxiliary [motorized vessels](#); however, the stern lights referred to in paragraph 1 (c) (i) above shall be yellow instead of white.

When a pushed convoy is preceded by [day](#) by one or more auxiliary [motorized vessels](#), the pusher shall carry the yellow ball referred to in [article 3.09](#), paragraph 3.

3. Pushed convoys with two pushers in [side-by-side formation](#) shall carry by night the stern lights prescribed in paragraph 1 (c) (i) on the pusher providing the main propulsion, the other pusher shall carry the stern light prescribed in paragraph 1 (c) (ii) above.

4. For the application of this chapter, pushed convoys whose maximum dimensions do not exceed 110 m by 12 m are regarded as single motorized vessels.

5. The provisions of this article shall not apply to small craft pushing only other small craft or to the pushing of small craft.