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## *Sound and Light Signals*

### **PART D—SOUND AND LIGHT SIGNALS**

#### **RULE 32**

##### *Definitions*

(a) The word “whistle” means any sound signalling appliance capable of producing the prescribed blasts and which complies with the specifications in Annex III to these Regulations.

(b) The term “short blast” means a blast of about one second’s duration.

(c) The term “prolonged blast” means a blast of from four to six seconds’ duration.

#### **RULE 33**

##### *Equipment for Sound Signals*

(a) A vessel of 12 meters or more in length shall be provided with a whistle, *\*[a vessel of 20 meters or more in length shall be provide with a bell in addition to a whistle]*, and a vessel of 100 meters or more in length shall, in addition, be provided with a gong, the tone and sound of which cannot be confused with that of the bell. *The whistle, bell and gong shall comply with the specifications in Annex III to these Regulations. The bell or gong or both may be replaced by other equipment having the same respective sound characteristics, provided that manual sounding of the prescribed signals shall always be possible.*

(b) A vessel of less than 12 meters in length shall not be obliged to carry the sound signalling appliances prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule but if she does not, she shall be provided with some other means of making an efficient sound signal.

*\*Rule 33 was amended in accordance with IMO Resolution A.910(22) 29 Nov 2001.*

*[Please note that the bell is no longer required on a vessel 12 meters or more but less than 20 meters in length].*