

# CIRCULAR 44/02-3-1

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## INTERPRETATIONS

### Interpretation No. 1 (Clause 44.9.5.4)

Question: Clause 44.9.5.4 '*Instructions for operation*' requires clear instructions concerning the method of operation to be provided for every control of an emergency exit. Does this requirement also apply to emergency controls for service doors?

Answer: Yes. Clause 44.9.5.3 '*Marking of controls*' applies to both service doors and emergency exits. The intent of providing emergency controls would not be met unless all such controls are also provided with instructions for operation.

### Interpretation No. 2 (Clauses 44.9.5.3 and 44.9.5.4)

Question: Clauses 44.9.5.3 and 44.9.5.4 require the use of "self-illuminating" material. Must the self-illuminating material be permanently illuminated whilst the vehicle is in operation and be self-illuminating for at least 15 minutes after the vehicle ceases operation or 15 minutes after loss of battery power as specified in clause 44.9.5.2.3?

Answer: Yes. The intent of providing "self-illuminating" material would not be met unless it provided illumination in the event of an emergency situation resulting in complete loss of the vehicle power source.

### Interpretation No. 3 (Clauses 44.9.5.3 and 44.9.5.4)

Question: Clauses 44.9.5.3 and 44.9.5.4 require "self-illuminating" material as the only method of providing 'emergency illumination for the marking of controls and instructions for operation. Is an instructional sign which is permanently illuminated by being self-powered without the use of batteries or the power supply, such as the proprietary Betalight manufactured by Saunders Roe Development Limited, acceptable as meeting the requirement to be "self-illuminating"?

Answer: Yes. The Saunders Roe Betalight or a self-powered sign which provides an equivalent level of illumination, life, reliability and resistance to damage is acceptable as providing self-illuminating capability.