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## European foreword

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- Part 2: *Warning horns for heavy rail;*
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## **Introduction**

This document sets out the requirements for external audible warning devices for urban rail vehicles as defined in the CEN-CENELEC Guide 26.

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## 1 Scope

This document defines the functional and technical requirements for exterior audible warning devices for urban rail vehicles as defined in the CEN-CENELEC Guide 26, i.e. metro systems, trams, light rail, and local rail systems.

This document also defines the requirements for testing and conformity assessment.

NOTE The requirements for exterior audible warning devices for heavy rail vehicles are found in EN 15153-2:2020.

## 2 Normative references

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.1

#### **Urban Guided Transport (UGT) systems**

system covering metro, tram and light rail, and defined as public transport systems permanently guided at least by one rail, intended for the operation of local, urban and suburban passenger services with self-propelled vehicles and operated either segregated or not from general road and pedestrian traffic

Note 1 to entry: Adapted from CEN-CENELEC Guide 26.

### 3.2

#### **metro system**

UGT system operated on its own right of way and segregated from general road and pedestrian traffic; consequently designed for operations in tunnels, viaducts or on surface level but with physical separation in such a way that inadvertent access is not possible

Note 1 to entry: In different parts of the world, Metro systems are also known as the underground, the subway or the tube. Rail systems with specific construction issues operating on a segregated guideway (e.g. monorail, rack railways) are also treated as Metros as long as they are designated as part of the urban public transport network.

Note 2 to entry: Adapted from CEN-CENELEC Guide 26.

### 3.3

#### **tram**

UGT system not segregated from general road and pedestrian traffic, which shares its right of way with general road and/or pedestrian traffic and is therefore embedded in its relevant national road traffic legislation (highway codes and specific adaptations)

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