

**INTERPRETATION IC 135-2020-23 OF
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A Data Communication Protocol for Building
Automation and Control Networks**

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Reference: This request for interpretation refers to ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 135-2020, Clause 13.13 –LifeSafetyOperation Service and the definition of notification appliance in this clause.

Background: The purpose of the LifeSafetyOperation service, specified in Clause 13.13, is to allow a human operator to silence or unsilence audible or visual notification appliances and reset latched notification appliances. The standard does not define what a 'notification appliance' is or how it interacts with the device accepting the LifeSafetyOperation service request.

Audible is defined as "able to be heard".

Visual is defined as "relating to seeing".

Interpretation: Within the context of the LifeSafetyOperation service, it is a local matter what a 'notification appliance' is and how it is controlled by the device accepting a LifeSafetyOperation service request.

Question: Is this Interpretation correct?

Answer: Yes