

ISAF Special Regulations Administration

Inclusion in the ISAF Regulations

A submission from the Chairman of the Offshore Committee

Proposal:

PART VI – ADMINISTRATION OF RACING RULES, EQUIPMENT RULES, **SPECIAL REGULATIONS** AND RACE OFFICIALS

36 SPECIAL REGULATIONS ADMINISTRATION

36.1 Adoption and Changes to Special Regulations

36.1.1 The ORC are the original authors of the special regulations and have licensed ISAF to administer the same. The Special Regulations Sub-Committee is responsible for advising on and making recommendations regarding the special regulations and all related subjects to which such regulations are concerned. Special Regulations shall be adopted or changed only by the Offshore Committee (on behalf of Council) after considering recommendations from the Special Regulations Sub-Committee.

36.1.2 In exception to regulation [1.1] any change of clear necessity or pressing importance may be made effective on any designated date by 75% of the responding votes of both the Special Regulations Sub-Committee and the Offshore Committee.

36.1.3 Further in exception to regulation [1.1] the Chairmen of the Offshore Committee and Special Regulations Sub Committee may together approve exceptions to Special Regulations for special international events in exceptional and particular circumstances. The ISAF Secretariat shall report the action taken under this regulation at the time to the Offshore Committee and shall circulate details to Member National Authorities.

36.2 The Procedure for Changing Special Regulations

36.2.1 No changes to special regulations shall, after 2009, become effective until 2012 except as provided in regulation 1.2.

36.2.2 Proposals for changes and formal submissions may be made by any member of the Special Regulations Sub-Committee, any member of the Offshore Committee (through the Chairman of the Offshore Committee) or any Member National Authority. Submissions and proposals should be lodged with the Secretariat of ISAF at least six weeks before any meeting of the Special Regulations Sub-Committee, and shall then immediately be distributed to members thereof who shall, by e-mail and any other means that the Chairman thereof deems appropriate, convene working parties to consider the various proposals and submissions.

36.2.3 The Special Regulations Sub-Committee shall at their meeting determine those submissions which it proposes to recommend to the Offshore Committee for approval together with the relevant date upon which such change shall become

part of the Regulations. It shall further determine those proposed submissions which it recommends for rejection. The Sub-Committee shall defer any submissions which either require amendment (unless of a minor nature) or further review and refer them to a working party either of the whole committee or such other working party as it determines, which shall report to the Offshore Committee with its recommendation within four months of the meeting at which such submission was deferred.

36.2.4 Those making proposals for discussion and submissions should, unless the change is of a minor nature, submit either an explanation or a paper giving the background and the necessity for such change. Where there are two or more proposals or submissions of a similar nature, the authors thereof shall be immediately advised thereof and be invited to co-ordinate with a view to agreeing a common submission or proposal prior to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

36.3. Interpretations to the Special Regulations

Interpretations of the Special Regulations by ISAF shall be made only by the Chairman of the Special Regulation Sub-Committee after consultation with the Chairman of the Offshore Committee and such other members of the Sub-Committee as they believe appropriate. At the next meeting following such interpretation, the same shall be reviewed by the Sub-Committee and the Sub-Committee shall consider whether any amendment to the Special Regulations is necessary or desirable to add clarity. The Sub-Committee may also recommend revocation of any such interpretation.

Current Position:

None

Reason:

The administration of Special Regulations and submissions for changes, in a similar way to Racing Rules, requires particular procedures, together with directives as to how to deal with unusual circumstances. As submissions to this sub committee only go to that committee it is both possible and indeed desirable to have different procedures in the interests of getting the best safety rules, which often have to react to circumstances that may have occurred in the Northern Hemisphere, and thus July is only mid season. September was the previous cut off date. The procedures proposed also require the sub committee to do much of its work before the November conference. This will promote better amendments.