

**DRAFT SUBMISSION FOR COMMITTEE DISCUSSION****Regulation 36 - Special Regulations Administration**

## Revision Schedule for OSR

A DRAFT submission from the Chairman of Oceanic and Offshore Committee

Proposal**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 Oceanic and Offshore Committee (on behalf of the Council) after considering recommendations from the Special Regulations Sub-committee.
- 36.1.2 In exception to Regulation 36.2.1 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 Oceanic and Offshore Committee.
- 36.1.3 Further in exception to Regulations 36.1.1 and 36.2.1 the Chairmen of the Oceanic and 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 Oceanic and 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 31 December 2009, become effective until 2012 except as provided in Regulation 36.1.2.~~ **The OSR shall be reviewed every 2 years effective the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the even year with changes being proposed to the Sub-committee at least 12 months before they are to become effective unless deemed urgent under regulation 36.1.2.**
- 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 Oceanic and Offshore Committee (through the Chairman of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee), International or Recognized Rating Systems 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 Oceanic and 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 Oceanic and 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 to the Special Regulations by ISAF shall be made only by the Chairman of the Special Regulation Sub-committee after consultation with Chairman of the Oceanic and 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.

**37-40.** *Reserved for future use*

Current Position

As Above

Reason

There are two parts to the submissions:

- 1) The original wording referred to two fixed date and therefore did not regulate into the future. This effectively has prohibited the 2010 update.
- 2) The RRS and ERS require changes to be submitted well in advance of the effective date. It has become common for a submission to be approved in November and to become effective in January with little warning. A number of these changes are not urgent issues but have simply not been submitted until that point in time. By having the submission deadline a whole conference cycle before the effective date a submission may be given better consideration.