

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 31st SESSION

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council@isa.org.im.

1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.

Draft Regulation 99 Inspectors' power to issue instructions

3. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline in the text box below, using the "track changes" function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.

2. bis The Inspector shall notify the Chief Inspector immediately when an instruction has been issued under paragraph 1. The Inspector shall then report immediately and provide a copy of the instruction to the ~~[Chief Inspector,]~~ Compliance Committee and the Secretary-General. ~~and through~~ It the Secretary-General shall immediately provide a copy of the report and instruction to the Contractor's Sponsoring State or States and, if applicable to the relevant ~~[adjacent]~~ coastal State or States ~~and flag State, that an instruction has been issued under paragraph 1 above.~~

3.bis Within 3 Days of the expiry of the specified period or any extension thereto under paragraph 3, the Chief Inspector shall assess whether the issue which resulted in the instruction given rise to the instruction has been satisfactorily resolved and shall report immediately to the Compliance Committee.

[(c) bis ~~Fully~~ rReport to the Council about the inspection.]]

4. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150-word limit]

- The UK supports the objective of DR 99 and has a number of drafting suggestions aimed at improving clarity, accountability and consistency within the compliance framework. For Paragraph 2 bis, the UK has previously provided a drafting proposal for this paragraph to bring more senior oversight to a situation, and to clarify that wording on what the SG shall do rather than referring to "through the Secretary-General". We propose the following:

["The Inspector shall notify the Chief Inspector immediately when an instruction has been issued under paragraph 1. The Chief Inspector shall then report immediately and provide a copy of the instruction to the Compliance Committee and the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General shall immediately provide a copy of the report and instruction to the Contractor's

Sponsoring State or States and, if applicable to the relevant adjacent coastal State or States..”

- The UK supports the substance and intent of paragraph 3 bis, but we have a drafting improvement and suggest replacing “the issue given rise to the instruction” with “the issue which resulted in the instruction”, which we consider clearer and more precise.
- Paragraph 3 (c) bis, the UK does not consider it necessary to include the word “fully” before “report”. A requirement to “report” should be sufficient and avoids creating uncertainty as to what constitutes a “full” report.