

ISAF Sailor Classification Code The elimination of Group 2

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APPROVED

ISAF Council approved the Commission's proposals to eliminate Group 2 at their meeting in Busan last month.

No changes were made to the Submissions

The implementation date is 1 April 2010.

THE NEW CODE

A copy in English is attached and can now be found on the ISAF website. Translations into French, Italian, German and Spanish are underway and should be available on the website shortly.

Please note that other amendments to the Code were also agreed and take effect immediately. In particular, in 22.3.6 there is now a 60 day limit for appealing a decision and 22.3.10 has been deleted as it was never used.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Commission will email all Group 2 sailors, some 450 people, in early January. They will be given full instructions on how and when to reapply.

Revised FAQs will be available on the website in English on 15 January. Translations will be available as soon as possible thereafter.

A seminar will be held during Key West Race Week.

The ISAF website will clearly show the changes from mid-January onwards.

A press release covering these changes has been published on the ISAF website and a further press release will be issued once the FAQs are available.

REAPPLICATIONS BY SAILORS

All existing Group 2 sailors will have to reapply.

If they are only using their existing classification after 31 March they may apply from mid February.

If they still need to use their existing classification before 1 April they may only apply after 31 March.

Sailors who do not reapply by 8 April will be placed 'under review' and notified.

Sailors applying for a classification for the first time between now and 31 March who would be Group 2 will be asked for details of when they require to use their classification.

CLASS RULES & NOTICE of RACE

Because we have retained the terminology Group 1 and 3 and there will be no Group 2s after 8 April there is no urgent requirement to change Class Rules. The Guidance Notes will also be updated in January 2010.

YOUR ASSISTANCE PLEASE

We are very aware that not all sailors will have kept their email details up to date with us and may not be aware of the change.

It would be very helpful therefore if you would advise your owners of the change and the process, outlined above, that Group 2 sailors should follow.

CONTACT

Please contact Alastair Fox if you have any issues or concerns. Sailors should contact the ISAF Secretariat in the usual way.

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