

Changes to building specifications

Regulation 10.11.9 process to manage changes to building specifications

A submission from the Equipment Committee Chair

Purpose or Objective

To include within the regulations a procedure for managing evolution or changes to the Technical Specifications of equipment used by World Sailing Classes.

Proposal 1

Changes to manufacturing/building specifications

~~10.11.9 Changes to manufacturing/building specification shall be handled as per Class Rule changes except that for equipment with a confidential building specification the change shall be handled by the Chief Executive Officer after consultation with the Chairman of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee (or if he is conflicted, another committee member).~~

10.11.9 before applying for approval as required by regulation 10.11.2 to changes to class rules addressing changes to manufacturing/building specifications the class/owners association shall provide to the Chief Executive Officer, in writing a report including:

- a) **reasons for the change,**
- b) **an assessment conducted to justify that the new equipment is robust, fit for purpose and has adequate longevity, disclosing how the equipment has been assessed, number of prototypes tested and by whom,**
- c) **an assessment of the effect in performance disclosing how the equipment has been assessed and by whom,**
- d) **an assessment of the cost and sustainability implications of the change,**
- e) **the intended initial distribution plan, including the minimum number of new equipment items and the date by which they shall become available for purchase ahead of the first event in which the equipment would be eligible,**
- f) **technical details of the new building specifications, measurement plans and agreed production tolerances.**

10.11.10 For equipment with a confidential building specification, approval to changes shall be handled by the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee (or if he is conflicted, another committee member). The relevant Copyright holder or manufacturer applying for approval shall provide a report including the items listed in regulation 10.11.9.

10.11.11 **For Olympic Classes, further information may be required from the Class, Copyright holders or manufacturers. Before applying for approval, the relevant party shall consult with the Chief Executive Officer who in consultation with the Chairman of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee (or if he is conflicted, another committee member) may set out requirements for the evaluation of the change. Approval may be subject to conditions or for prototypes only.**

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. In order to properly manage any evolution or changes to the Class Rules or Technical Specifications, World Sailing shall only give its approval to such evolution or changes where it is satisfied that the new equipment will be robust, fit for purpose, have adequate longevity of use and be available for purchase within a reasonable time; and,
 2. For Olympic Classes such approval may therefore be delayed or subject to conditions as World Sailing may see fit to impose. The approval may initially be only for prototype equipment for a period of time to ensure the new equipment is fit for use. In the event of an evolution or change of the Equipment, the party responsible for the change may be required to agree to comply with any upgrade package distribution, any order of distribution or distribution timetable issued by World Sailing.
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