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Decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to amendments to regulation 21 of the Regulations on Prospecting and Exploration for Polymetallic Nodules in the Area

The Council of the International Seabed Authority,

1. *Adopts* the amendment to regulation 21 of the Regulations on Prospecting and Exploration for Polymetallic Nodules in the Area¹ as contained in the annex of the present decision;

2. *Decides* to apply the amended regulation 21 provisionally from the date of its adoption by the Council, pending its approval by the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority.

*198th meeting
18 July 2014*

¹ ISBA/19/C/17.



Annex

Regulation 21 of the Regulations on Prospecting and Exploration for Polymetallic Nodules in the Area² is amended by the insertion of the following new paragraph immediately following paragraph 6:

7. The Legal and Technical Commission may recommend approval of a plan of work if it determines that such approval would not permit a State Party or entities sponsored by it to monopolize the conduct of activities in the Area with regard to polymetallic nodules or to preclude other States Parties from activities in the Area with regard to polymetallic nodules.

Paragraphs 7 to 11 of Regulation 21 are to be renumbered accordingly.

² ISBA/19/C/17.