

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART I**

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete.

- 1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:** The Republic of Korea

- 2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers:**
Regulation 48bis

- 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.**

Regulations 48bis (1)

The purpose of test mining is to ensure that no significant harm is caused by Exploitation activities. Test mining projects shall as a general rule provide evidence that appropriate equipment is available to ensure the effective protection of the Marine Environment in accordance with Article 145. To this end, a Contractor shall conduct test mining, unless Paragraph 5 applies, before Commercial Production shall commence in accordance with Regulation 25.

- 4. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150 word limit]**
We propose this because any activity occurring while applying for an approval of a plan of work is not supposed to be regulated by the exploitation Code but may be appropriate to be regulated by the Exploration Code.

In accordance with the Exploration Code, exploration itself includes a certain concept of test mining, the use and testing of recovery systems and equipment.

So obliging test mining when applying for an approval of a plan of work under the exploitation Code could possibly be redundant.