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1(e) ~~“Technical requirements with regard to the equipment used for the exploitation activities and”~~.

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

This provision is not directly related to environmental standards. The technical requirements with regard to the equipment have a broader scope. It should not be confused with the environmental requirements, which may result in a lack of clarity in the scope of the Regulation.

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~~“2. The Authority shall not approve any Exploitation activities unless the necessary environmental Standards [and Guidelines] have been adopted”.~~

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The Report of the Chair of *the Legal and Technical Commission on the work of the Commission at the second part of its twenty-fifth session (Addendum, ISBA/25/C/19/Add.1)* has provided that standards and guidelines should be in place in stages, i.e. Stage 1 are those that need to be in place prior to the adoption of the Draft Exploitation Regulations, Stage 2 are those that need to be in place prior to the receipt of applications for plans of work for exploitation, and Stage 3 are those that need to be in place prior to the commencement of commercial mining activities in the Area. This paragraph is ambiguous and is suggested to be deleted.