

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART I**

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council@isa.org.jm.

- 1. Name of Working Group:** President's Text

- 2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:** Australia

- 3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

Regulation 34 - proposed amendments are in green text

- 4. 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.**

Regulation 34
Notifiable events

1. A Contractor shall immediately notify its Sponsoring State or States [] [,] the Secretary-General [and relevant [adjacent] coastal States] of the **happening occurrence** of any of the events listed in appendix I to these regulations.
2. The Contractor shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, but no later than 24 hours after the Contractor becomes aware of any such event,
 - (a) provide written notification to the Secretary-General of the event, including a description of the event, the immediate response action taken (including, if appropriate, a statement regarding the implementation of an Emergency Response and Contingency Plan) and any planned action to be taken, [and]
 - (b) **Record the notifiable events in the Incidents Register, which is a register to be maintained by the Contractor on board a mining vessel or Installation to record any Incidents or notifiable events under this regulation.**
3. The Secretary-General shall consult with the Sponsoring State or States, **[relevant [adjacent] coastal States]** and other regulatory authorities as necessary.

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

Australia suggests that in paragraph (1), the word 'happening' could be replaced with 'occurrence', for clarity.

In respect of sub-paragraph (2)(b), Australia supports the requirement for notifiable events to be recorded in an incidents register. We therefore suggest removing the square brackets around this text.

Australia also supports the Secretary-General consulting with relevant coastal States, and therefore suggest removing the relevant square brackets.