

Interpretation Number	Interpretation of Regulations	Issue	Date of Interpretation
001-08	Regulation – 1.6(b)	Urgent Submission	12 February 2008

## Request for Interpretation of the meaning of the word ‘urgent’.

### Constitution Committee Interpretation

1. On the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008, the Secretary General sent to the Chairman of the Constitution Committee an email reporting that the President had requested that the Committee provide him with an interpretation of regulation 1.6(b) ‘especially with view to the specific question of the urgency of a submission.’
2. The relevant parts of regulation 1.6 (b) provide “....., submissions or proposals shall be received by the ISAF Secretariat in respect of ..... the Mid-Year meeting or other meetings, not less than eight weeks before the meeting at which it is considered. Only urgent submissions may be considered at a Mid-Year meeting. The Executive Committee shall determine whether a submission is urgent.....”
3. While no submissions have been made so far that propose that the decisions relating to the events for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition should be overturned, it is anticipated that one or more may be made before the deadline.
4. ‘Urgent’ is defined in the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary as “1. Pressing; demanding prompt action; marked or characterized by urgency.”
5. The Constitution Committee has no doubt that it is for the Executive Committee alone to decide if a submission is urgent or not. While its decision should be reasoned, once made it cannot be overruled by Council or any other body in ISAF.
6. There must be some pressing reason for the matter in the submission to be dealt with in May; to put that in other words, there must be some reason that, if the matter were to wait until the following November, there would be serious consequences as a result of the delay; either the decision by then would be too late or other matters that needed to be decided could not be the subject of a decision because of the delay.