



European Maritime Safety Agency

**DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
of 14th November 2013**

**amending the Rules of procedure of the Administrative Board
of the European Maritime Safety Agency**

The Administrative Board of the European Maritime Safety Agency,

Having regard to the Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2002, as amended, establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency, and in particular Article 13 (4) thereof;

Having regard to the Decision of the Administrative Board of 20 November 2012 adopting Rules of Procedure of the Administrative Board of the European Maritime Safety Agency (recast), and in particular Article 16 thereof;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 3 (6) of the Rules of Procedure of the Administrative Board of the European Maritime Safety Agency shall be deleted. Article 3 (7) becomes Article 3 (6).

Article 2

Article 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Administrative Board of the European Maritime Safety Agency shall be replaced as follows:

"Art. 12

Commitment, conflict of interest, confidentiality

1. Members of the Administrative Board and their alternates shall, when taking up their duties, make a written declaration of commitment and confidentiality in accordance with the model contained in Annex 1. The initial declarations are to be renewed at the beginning of each term of office.
2. In accordance with the same model, Administrative Board members and their alternates appointed prior to the entry into force of the present decision shall also make a written declaration of commitment and confidentiality.
3. In line with the Conflict of Interest Policy (Annex 2) the members of the Administrative Board and their alternates shall undertake to act independently in the public interest. For this purpose, at each meeting, members and their alternates shall declare any interest which could be

considered to be prejudicial to their independence with respect to any point on the agenda. The Chairperson shall decide if the member or alternate declaring such interests is allowed to participate in any vote on the relevant point.

4. Members and their alternates shall be required, even after their duties have ceased, not to disclose information of the kind covered by the duty of professional secrecy.
5. All proceedings of the Administrative Board shall be confidential. Members and others present at meetings of the Administrative Board shall respect the confidential character of these proceedings.
6. The Administrative Board's decisions and minutes of meetings shall be subject to the provisions of article 4 of the Regulation and measures taken for its implementation."

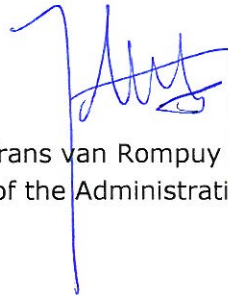
Article 2

The Annexes of this Decision shall become Annex 1 and Annex 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Administrative Board.

Article 3

This Decision enters into force on the date of its signature.

Done in Lisbon on 14 November 2013,



Frans van Rompuy
Chairman of the Administrative Board