At the 2012 CIAM Plenary meeting, the text, in bold below, was unanimously approved to be added to the rule. The implementation date is **01 May 2012**.

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**5E.6.3 STOPs**

For the hovering manoeuvres the stops must be equal to or greater than 2 seconds in duration if not otherwise specified. All stops must be of the same duration. If a stop is less than 2 seconds long, a downgrade of half a point should be made. If a stop is greater than 2 seconds, no downgrade should result as long as the MA does not move.

**In manoeuvres containing stops of unspecified duration (but are a necessary part of the manoeuvre) no downgrade shall be made for the stops.**

*CIAM Technical Secretary, 04 May 12*