

Policy on Consulting Stakeholders on Matters of HKIRC

1. Background

Clause 3.1(f) of the MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) between HKIRC and the HKSARG says:

“HKIRC will develop and publish, following consultation with the CAP, the policies or guidelines for members of the Board and members of the CAP to consult stakeholders in general and with specific interest groups on matters of HKIRC”.

OGCIO expects to see a policy or guideline published by HKIRC in relation to the above.

2. Policy on Consulting Stakeholders

Clause 3.1(b) of the MoU says:

“HKIRC will consult the CAP on matters where HKIRC may have to make decisions and where the consequences of such decisions are of legitimate public interest, including domain name registration rules and pricing.”

To be more specific, consultation on matters of importance to HKIRC and its customers and which are of legitimate public interest will always be made with the CAP first. This can be conducted during a CAP meeting or via email if a CAP meeting cannot be convened soon enough to address the matter at hand. HKIRC expects CAP members to consult members of the organisation that nominated them where appropriate so that the opinions they offer are soundly based. Where CAP members consider that a wider opinion is necessary, they may advise HKIRC who else to seek opinions from and how such opinions should be sought.