

LSB Consultation – Proposed Internal Governance Rules (IGRs)

Supplementary consultation on amendments to proposed Rules 4, 8 and 10.

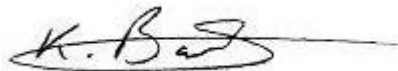
The Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (CITMA) is responding to the consultation by the Legal Services Board (LSB) in its capacity as an Approved Regulator (AR), as defined in the Legal Services Act 2007 (the Act) and as the representative body for Chartered Trade Mark Attorneys and the wider trade mark and design profession.

We welcome the proposed changes to Rule 4, 8 and 10, to replace “influence” with “prejudice”, as set out in the consultation. In our response to the initial consultation on the IGRs we made clear that we felt the use of the word influence was inappropriate and used in a negative context. There are occasions where a representative body / Approved Regulator may positively influence the regulator for the benefit of the profession and the consumer.

The proposed use of the word ‘prejudice’ instead of ‘influence’ is more appropriate and clearer. We would welcome the proposed new wording of the Rules to be adopted into the new IGRs and are content with the proposed changes to the supporting Guidance.

We are grateful for the opportunity to respond to this consultation and we would be happy to discuss any of these points further with representatives from the LSB, if it would be of assistance.

For and on behalf of The Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys.



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