



GSG Panel Report

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To Cover

- ◆ Urgency Report - as circulated
- ◆ Updated Terms of Reference

- ◆ AOB
 - Additional Industry Code Governance Review consultations
 - Proposal regarding approval of minutes

Urgency

Task

- ◆ Review urgent process within section 8 and supporting guidance for the Panel and industry

GSG has prepared:

- ◆ Principles regarding changes to the CUSC provisions, with associated drafting
- ◆ Guidance for considering an urgent recommendation
- ◆ A Best Practice Guidance Note

Proposed Changes to the CUSC

1. Extension of who can recommend a proposal be treated as urgent
 - From only CUSC parties to include NCC and BSC parties
2. Specific requirement to convene a meeting
3. Specification of procedure should not all Panel Members be available
 - ◆ Including specific procedure if the proposal was raised by the Company
4. Report to include CUSC Panel and Authority position on urgency
5. Post-implementation review tidied up
6. Remove the ability for the Panel to raise Amendment Proposal following post-implementation review

→ **GSG recommendation that the changes should be raised as an Amendment Proposal to the CUSC**

Guidance for considering an urgent request

- ◆ Guidance to be used by Panel in assessing an Urgent request
 - ◆ Based on the view previously expressed by the Authority
 - Currently as guidance specifically focussing on the UNC
 - ◆ Slightly “softer” than the version previously considered by the Panel (and posted on the CUSC website)
 - “...will be treated as urgent amendments if the nature of the proposal exhibits at least one of the following...”
- ➔ **GSG recommendation that the guidance should be posted on the new urgency section of the CUSC website**

Best Practice Guidance Note - Overview

- ◆ The Note is designed to provide guidance for future dealings with requests for urgency
- ◆ The Note will not form part of the CUSC
- ◆ Deviation from the Note will not constitute contravening CUSC provisions
- ◆ In particular, depending on the nature of the proposal not all recommendations will be followed

Best Practice Guidance Note – Some Key Points

Before Request for Urgency

1. Notification of urgent request to be given at earliest opportunity
2. Proposed “urgent” timetables to be prepared
 - By both proposer and secretary

Following receipt of urgency request

3. Panel secretary to email urgency material and endeavour to call all Panel Members
4. Panel secretary to circulate urgency material to the industry, including a request for WG nominations

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Panel Recommendation

5. Note that the urgency guidance is not exhaustive
6. Due consideration should be made to urgency, complexity and importance
7. Confirmation of Panel recommendation should be made in writing, with expectation that the Authority will direct in writing

Processing an Urgent Amendment Proposal

8. An Urgent Amendment Proposal may deviate from all or part of standard procedures

➔ **Very much a summary, with more detail in the Guidance Note as circulated**

➔ **GSG recommendation that this Best Practice Note should be approved and posted on the Urgency section of the website**

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Terms of Reference

- ◆ Updated to reflect Garth as chair
- ◆ Revised regarding preparation of Code Governance Review consultation responses
 - To prepare draft responses to all consultations as directed by the Panel
- ◆ Additional update to the ToR required
 - To review process for private and confidential consultation responses
- ◆ Membership
 - Recently reviewed membership of the group
 - Would like to request additional nominations from the industry

AOB on Governance

Latest ICGR Consultations

- ◆ Major Policy Reviews and Self Governance
- ◆ Role of Code Administrators and Small Participant/Consumer Initiatives
- ◆ Responses due 18th September

Proposal regarding approval of minutes

- ◆ Signing off minutes in the event of meeting cancellation
- ◆ Change to the CUSC required (8.8.4) which currently requires minutes to be approved at the next meeting