

In the Draft Recommendation the Principle 7 is formulated as follows

Develop a consistent policy covering the role and functions of regulatory agencies in order to provide greater confidence that regulatory decisions are made on an objective, impartial and consistent basis, and avoid the risks of conflict of interests, bias or improper influence.

I see a problem in words "and avoid the risks of conflict of interests". It is normal and usual that there are conflicts of interests in a society to which a regulation tries to bring a solution. I understand that these kind of conflicts are not necessarily meant here but rather a situation where the regulator has an interest of his own in the issue, in other words that he is not impartial. The wording is confusing, however. In fact, everything seems to be covered by the previous words "objective, impartial". I wonder whether the whole rest of the sentence starting with "and avoid ..." could be deleted.

Best regards

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