

APPENDIX B

Decision-Making Principles

Principled decisions by the Board, Regulatory Committees, the CEO/Registrar and staff should strive to:

- focus on the public interest;
- be premised on matters being considered on their own merits, on an objective analysis of the facts, and under published policies, guidance and criteria;
- be made in a timely manner and under processes proportionate to the risk involved and targeted only at cases in which action is needed;
- be informed by appropriate specialized knowledge and expertise to facilitate a complete analysis of the matters at issue;
- be consistent;
- account for the Regulatory Objectives, CPATA's obligations under applicable legislation, our standards and the case law;
- be fair and seen to be fair by incorporating common law principles of fairness and natural justice;
- promote high quality IP practices;
- be transparent and explain the process; and
- communicate the results of decision to the person or persons affected by the decision.