

COMMUNICATION FROM CANADA

Disciplines on Domestic Regulation for Professional Services Results of Consultations with Professional Sectors

The following communication has been received from the Delegation of Canada with the request that it be circulated to the Members of the Working Party on Domestic Regulation.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This paper reports on results received from the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors (CCLS)* regarding the relevance and applicability of the Disciplines on Domestic Regulation in the Accountancy Sector (S/L/64, 17 December 1998). This report supplements the results tabled by Canada to the WPDR on 16 March 2001 (S/WPDR/W/13).

II. METHODOLOGY

2. Consultations with the CCLS were conducted on the basis of a questionnaire that took into account the elements of the accountancy disciplines (transparency, licensing requirements, licensing procedures, qualification requirements, qualification procedures and technical standards). As well, some additional elements related to consultation and prior notification in the regulatory development process were included. Follow-up interviews were conducted to clarify and obtain additional information on the results received.

3. The organization was asked to assess: the relevance and applicability of the disciplines, including additional elements related to consultation and prior notification; whether the requirements are currently applied; whether they could be adopted if not currently applied; and, to explain the reasons why they were not deemed relevant or applicable.

III. CONCLUSION

4. As reported orally at the December 4, 2002 meeting of the WPDR, the CCLS is of the view that the accountancy disciplines are relevant and applicable to their profession. As well, they noted that they were receptive to make any necessary changes that might be required to implement certain provisions related to consultation and prior notification requirements.

* The Canadian Council of Land Surveyors (CCLS) is a federation of nine provincial associations representing the disciplines of cadastral, geodetic, hydrographic and photogrammetric surveying. The object of CCLS is to promote and advance the science and art of land surveying and the knowledge of land surveyors in connection with the practice of the profession. CCLS is a project-oriented organization taking on initiatives of interest to surveyors and surveying which are national and international in scope. For more information refer to: <http://www.ccls-ccag.ca/>