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## Code of Conduct for persons carrying on lobbying activities



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To whom it may concern

Please find the submission response to the consultation on a Code of Conduct for persons carrying on lobbying activities:

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1. The ISPICA believes that voluntary Codes of Practice are rarely effective and we would recommend that any Code of Practice be mandatory.
2. As it is not mandatory, the draft Code of Practice does not place an obligation on a lobbyist to comply with it. We would recommend removing the word 'should' which is used throughout the draft document and replace it with 'must' which places an obligation on the lobbyist to conduct themselves in accordance with the Code.
3. The ISPICA believes that well-funded organisations have an unfair advantage when seeking to meet with DPOs. Many organisations have large budgets for lobbying and public affairs. For openness and transparency, the amount of money spent on lobbying should be declared and included in returns to the Register. The ISPICA would ask that SIPO publish a report on an annual basis detailing the top 50 lobbying organisations / individuals along with those organisations' lobbying budget.

Kind regards

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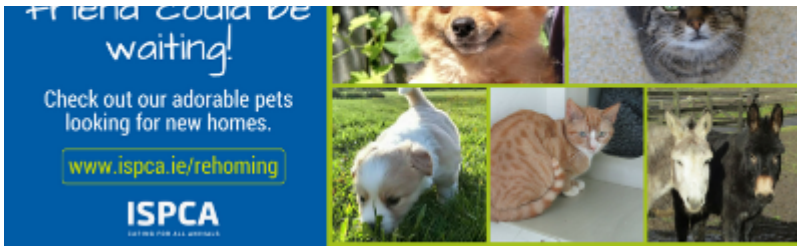
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