

DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM

What is an interest and when could an interest become a conflict?

An 'interest' is any professional, intellectual, material, emotional or other personal advantage or gain a person or his immediate (first degree) relatives may have by being involved in a particular activity or by being a member of a defined group. This means that an individual without any 'interests' would hardly be considered of additive value to the activity or group because he is without a vision or personal opinion and without an intellectual or scientific background or interest in the activity at hand.

An 'interest' may become a conflict of interest when the interest would unduly influence the person's position (objectivity) with respect to the subject matter at hand. An obvious conflict of interest exists when the person involved has a clear material gain by the activity at hand. An *apparent* conflict of interest exists when an interest would not necessarily influence the expert but could result in the expert's objectivity being questioned by others.

Types of interest

Different types of material or immaterial interests can be envisaged and the list below, which is certainly not exhaustive, is provided for guidance in making the judgement whether a particular interest should be considered a conflict of interest.

- A current proprietary interest in a substance, technology, process in any sense related to the activity or by the group at hand;
- A current material interest (e.g., shares, bonds) in a commercial entity with an interest in the activity or the group at hand;
- A current or recent (last 5 years) employment, consultancy, directorship or other position in any commercial entity which has an interest in the activity or the group at hand;
- Performance of any paid work or research during the last 5 years commissioned by any entity other than a public entity with an interest in the activity or the group at hand;
- Receipt of grant money supporting work or research during the last 5 years from any entity other than a public entity with an interest in the activity or the group at hand;
- An interest in a competing substance, technology or process or an interest in, or association with work for or support by, a commercial entity having a direct competitive interest, must similarly be declared.

Declaration

Considering the above, have you, or any of your first degree family members, any interest in: (i) the activity or project at hand, (ii) the expert group you have been invited to join, or (iii) any item on the agenda of the current meeting, which may be considered as constituting a real, potential or apparent conflict of interest?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
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If yes, please provide details of each interest in the box below

Type of interest	Name of entity involved	Who has the interest? (you, relative, what relationship)	Current interest or years ceased

Is there anything else that could affect your objectivity or independence in the activity or the group at hand?

yes no If yes, please provide details below

I hereby declare that the disclosed information is correct and that no other situation of real, potential or apparent conflict of interest is known to me. I undertake to inform you of any change in these circumstances, including if an issue arises during the course of the activity.

Reman Koeten

Name

[Signature]

Signature

12/05/2009

Date