

NOTICE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

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COALITIONS AND THEIR MEMBERS

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This notice specifies the circumstances under which lobbyists who carry out lobbying activities for a coalition must register with the lobbyists' registry and which information about the members of the coalition must be included in the registration.

Coalitions

A coalition may be classified as an association or non-profit group within the meaning of the definition of organization lobbyist. If it is a coalition created to serve management, union or professional interests or mainly composed of for-profit enterprises or the representatives of such enterprises, any person whose job or function consists substantially of lobbying activities on behalf of such a coalition must be registered on the lobbyists' register, under section 3 of the Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act and paragraph 11 of section 1 of the Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act Exclusions Regulation.

Likewise, any person whose occupation or mandate consists of lobbying activities on behalf of a coalition in return for compensation must be registered on the lobbyists' register, under section 3 of the Act.

Required information

The registration of an organization lobbyist for a coalition must contain a summary of the coalition's activities and any information that is useful for determining these activities, in compliance with section 10, paragraph 5, of the Act. As a coalition works essentially on behalf of its members, the organization lobbyist must provide all the information required to clearly identify the members of the coalition who are directly interested by the influence communications carried out with public office holders. The information in the registration must make it possible

to specifically identify the members of the coalition and, in some circumstances, identify each member individually.

The registration of a consultant lobbyist for a coalition must contain the name and address of the coalition, as well as the name and address of any person, corporation or association that, to the consultant lobbyist's knowledge, controls or directs the activities of that coalition and that is directly interested in the outcome of the lobbying activities, in compliance with section 9, paragraph 2, of the Act.

Examples:

If all the retailers on a street belong to a coalition, the lobbyist can state that the members of the coalition include the retailers on the street in question. If only some of the retailers on that street belong to the coalition, however, and there is no formulation that allows them to be specifically identified, the lobbyist will have to identify each member of the coalition.



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