



Article 1 Definitions

- 1.1 Decision: Decision, as referred to in the General Administrative Law Act.
- 1.2 Interested party: The party whose interest is directly involved in a decision made by NMI Certin BV.
- 1.3 Petitioner: The party lodging the objection.
- 1.4 Objection: Objection, as referred to in the General Administrative Law Act.

Article 2 LODGING THE OBJECTION

- 2.1 An interested party may lodge an objection to a decision with the director of NMI Certin BV.
- 2.2 No objections can be made to decisions concerning the adoption or entry into force of policy rules or other decisions of general application.
- 2.3 An objection is raised by lodging a substantiated notice of objection.
- 2.4 If the interested party wishes to make a request for direct appeal to the court, the request must be made in the notice of objection.
- 2.5 The objection must be signed and contain the following at a minimum:
 - a. the name and address of the petitioner;
 - b. the date;
 - c. a description of the decision against which the objection or appeal is directed;
 - d. the grounds for the objection or appeal.
- 2.6 The objection must be lodged within six weeks of the day on which the decision was announced.

Article 3 OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

- 3.1 Interested parties are given the opportunity to be heard within four weeks of receipt of the objection. The petitioner will be informed of this.
- 3.2 The date and time of the hearing will be confirmed in writing to, in any event, the petitioner.
- 3.3 If, after the hearing has been scheduled and confirmed as referred to in the third paragraph, the time of the hearing is changed, this will be communicated as soon as possible in writing, stating the reason and the new date and time.
- 3.4 A hearing will not be held if: a. the objection is manifestly inadmissible; b. the objection is manifestly unfounded; c. interested parties have indicated that they do not wish to exercise the right to be heard; or d. the objection is met in full and other interested parties' interests cannot be harmed as a result.

Article 4 INFORMATION

- 4.1 Interested parties can submit further documents or evidence up to ten days before the hearing.
- 4.2 NMI Certin BV makes the notice of objection, including all the documents relating to the case, available for inspection by the
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interested parties at the office of NMI Certin B.V. in Dordrecht for at least one week prior to the hearing.

Article 5 THE HEARING

- 5.1 The hearing committee consists of three members. At least two of the three members were not directly involved in the primary decision to which objection was made.
- 5.2 The composition of the hearing committee will be communicated to the interested parties in the written notification referred to in Article 3, second paragraph and, if applicable, in the written notification referred to in Article 3, third paragraph.
- 5.3 A report will be made of the hearing. The report will at least include: a. the names of those present, stating their capacity; b. a brief report of the proceedings; and c. a brief account of what else happened at the hearing.
- 5.4 The hearing committee may seek the advice or information of experts and, if necessary, invite these experts to the hearing. Any costs arising from this are payable by NMI Certin B.V.
- 5.5 Witnesses and experts brought by interested parties may be heard at the latter's request. Any costs involved are borne by the party who brought them.
- 5.6 An authorised representative must present a written authorisation signed by an interested party at the hearing unless they are registered as a lawyer or local counsel or appear in person with an interested party.
- 5.7 Hearings are held in public unless there are special reasons for not doing so.

Article 6 DECISION

- 6.1 The director of NMI Certin B.V. makes a decision within six weeks of receiving the notice of objection.
- 6.2 The director of NMI Certin BV may postpone the decision for a maximum of four weeks. Notice of the postponement is given in writing to the interested parties.
- 6.3 The decision is communicated in writing to the petitioner, accompanied by an adequate explanation of the reasons for the decision.

Article 7 APPEAL

- 7.1 An appeal against the decision on the objection can be lodged with the Trade and Industry Appeals Tribunal.

Article 8 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW ACT

- 8.1 For all other matters and in cases not provided for in these regulations, the provisions of the General Administrative Law Act apply.

Article 9 ENTRY INTO EFFECT AND SHORT TITLE

- 9.1 These regulations are referred to as the "Regulations on the NMI Certin B.V. Objection Procedure" and will enter into force on the first day after publication.