



**RIPE NCC**  
RIPE NETWORK COORDINATION CENTRE

# RIPE NCC Conflict Arbitration Procedure

## Proposed Changes

# Updates Since Last Amendments



- Arbiters meeting at RIPE 74
- Three arbiters' rulings published
  - <https://www.ripe.net/about-us/legal/arbitration/summary-of-arbitration-rulings>
- Three new requests for arbitration
- Wilfried Woeber resigned
  - ~ *Thank you for almost 20 years of being an arbiter!*

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- *During an arbitration case, they don't reply to clerical questions about:*
  - *the status of the case*
  - *important dates*
  - *other procedural matters*
- *For a period of one year, they do not reply to questions related to their function made by the RIPE NCC or other arbiters*

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- The RIPE NCC will request the missing information within **five (5) working days** from the date of the submission of the Request for Arbitration Form
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- If the arbiter wants to ask the other arbiters' opinion on a case,
  - The arbiter with the conflict of interest will be excluded from the communication



# Questions

