

INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY AGAINST CORRUPTION: Full implementation of the provisions of the Lobbyists' Law, Law 19(I)/2022 on 1st March 2024

19 February 2024

On 27th November 2023 (the 'Commencement Date'), the **Independent Authority Against Corruption** ('IAAC'/ the '**Authority**') started accepting applications for the registration of lobbyists on its register (see our memo in the 'News' section dated 14 November 2023). To the extent that the provisions of the Lobbying Law had not been implemented in their totality as of the Commencement Date (since the obligations of officials are yet to commence), by equal measure, the IAAC had resolved that the obligations upon lobbyists which would be borne out of registration, would not be activated upon registration but at a later stage simultaneously with the obligations of the officials.

The IAAC, with an announcement issued on 7 February 2024, announced that all the provisions of the Lobbyists' Law 19(I)/2022 (the 'Law') shall be put in effect at the same time along with all obligations borne by officials and lobbyists alike, on **1st March 2024**.

The Authority has further announced that it expects to upload on its website the Register of Registered Lobbyists around 26th February 2024.

Since the Commencement Date, the IAAC has began accepting and examining applications from interested parties (private entities/ natural persons) to become registered on the Lobbyists register. The relevant forms (in Greek) for the submission of an application for registration along with an explanatory memorandum in connection thereto, may be found at the following links: [Ανεξάρτητη Αρχή κατά της Διαφθοράς \(iaac.org.cy\)](http://iaac.org.cy) and [ΕΠΕΞΗΓΗΜΑΤΙΚΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΩΜΑ.pdf \(iaac.org.cy\)](http://iaac.org.cy) respectively.

All the relevant forms which must be submitted to the Authority during the application process for registration as well as subsequently (e.g. 6-month reporting regarding the participation in the decision-making of public decisions) may be found on the website of the Authority. The Authority urges all interested parties who intend to be involved in the decision-making process of public decisions to take all requisite measures to register themselves on the Lobbyists' Register on time.

Should you require any assistance with the application process to register as a lobbyist and/ or have any questions on the application of the Law, please do not hesitate to reach out to Maria H. Kyriacou at mkyriacou@mhk-law.com or call at 22- 109876.