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Swiss Technical Association Honor Code

With reference to your inquiry of 10 April 1990, we regret to inform you that our association has not adopted an actual honor code. On the other hand, we have a so-called Chamber of Experts (architects, engineers), whose members can be consulted for expert opinions of all kinds. The members of this chapter are subject to an honor code. We have enclosed the version currently in force.

Honor Code for Stv Experts

The STV Expert is committed to uphold and apply the following principles:

1. With his specialized knowledge and competence as his guide, the STV Expert safeguards the legitimate concern of his employers. He does not overestimate his own abilities.
2. The STV Expert, in fulfilling his assignments, bears in mind the dignity of his profession. He does not participate in any procedure that could be injurious to this dignity.
3. The STV Expert is committed to maintaining professional secrecy in all aspects of his assignments.
4. The STV Expert, in his capacity as expert or arbitrator, is committed to being strictly objective. Should the danger of a conflict of interest arise, he is obliged to refuse or give up his position.
5. The STV Expert accepts no remunerations or personal privileges from any third party. As the representative or advisor to an employer, he acts with complete independence.
6. The STV Expert observes the appropriate technical standards. He is obliged to constantly further his studies in order to remain at the level of expertise required by his profession.
7. The STV Expert charges the customary fee for his area of expertise.14 March 1990.