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- I)** Change these terms and conditions.
- II)** Change the content and/or services available from the DCS web portal.
- III)** Discontinue any aspect of the DCS web portal or service(s) available.
- IV)** Change the software and hardware required to access and use the DCS web portal.

5. Disclosure

Except as otherwise stated, we may use information you provide via this portal to improve the content, to customize the portal to your preferences, to communicate information to you (if you have requested it), for internal use and research purposes, and for the purposes specified in the Privacy Policy.

We do not disclose any information you provide via the portal to any third parties or other government departments except where:

-) Such disclosures are necessary to fulfill our service obligations to you in which case we will require such third parties to agree to treat it in accordance with the Privacy Policy
-) Required by applicable laws, court orders, or government regulations (for example to prevent or detect crime)
-) You give us permission to do so.

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To facilitate access by users to information provided by or via other parties, DCS may provide or assist in providing links to external websites through its pages. Provision of, or assistance in providing, these links gives rise to no statement, representation or warranty, express or implied, that the DCS agrees or does not disagree with the contents of any such external sites.

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7. SECURITY

DCS shall take all reasonable steps to secure the content of the web portal and the information provided by and collected from Users from unauthorised access and/or disclosure. DCS does, however, not make any warranties or representations that content shall be 100% safe and secure.

DCS has a legal duty to protect the confidentiality of taxpayer information. We take all reasonable steps to protect any information you submit via our web portal, in accordance with the applicable legislation.

DCS is under no legal duty to encrypt any content or communications from and to the DCS webportal and is also under no legal duty to provide digital authentication of any page on the webportal.

Users may not deliver or attempt to deliver, whether on purpose or negligently, any damaging code, such as computer viruses, to the DCS web portal or the server and computer network that support the portal.

Notwithstanding criminal prosecution, any person who delivers any damaging code to the DCS web portal, whether on purpose or negligently, shall, without any limitation, indemnify and hold DCS harmless against any and all liability, damages and losses URA and its partners / affiliates may suffer as a result of such damaging code.

Users may not develop, distribute or use any device to breach or overcome the security measures of the DCS web portal and DCS reserves the right to claim damages from any and all persons concerned with a security failure or breach.

Users may not interfere with data or services in any way to cause data or services to be modified, destroyed or otherwise rendered ineffective (e.g. denial of service attacks).

8. REMOVAL AND CORRECTION OF CONTENT

Users are encouraged to report untrue, inaccurate, defamatory, illegal, infringing and/or harmful content available from the DCS web portal to DCS and DCS undertakes to correct and/or remove such content or any part thereof if the person reporting such content provided reasonable grounds to prove the alleged nature of the content.

9. APPLICABLE AND GOVERNING LAW

The DCS web portal is hosted, controlled and operated from the Republic of Uganda and therefore Ugandan law enforced by the Ugandan courts governs the use or inability to use the DCS web portal, its content, services and these terms and conditions.

10. LEGAL COSTS

DCS shall not be liable for costs incurred by Users to obtain professional advice relating to these terms and conditions.

11. ADDITIONAL TERMS

Certain sections or pages on this web portal may contain separate terms and conditions, which are in addition to these terms and conditions. In the event of a conflict, the additional terms and conditions will govern for those sections or pages.

12. Notification of changes to our Terms & Conditions

We will post details of any changes to our terms and conditions on the web portal to help ensure you are always aware of the information we collect, how we use it, and in what circumstances, if any, we share it with other parties.

13. PRIVACY

DCS shall take all reasonable steps to protect the personal information of Users. We will maintain appropriate safeguards to ensure the security, integrity and privacy of your personal data.

Information collected may be used subject to the following purposes:

- a) DCS shall not disclose personal information from Users unless the User consents thereto.
- b) DCS shall disclose information without the User's consent only through due legal process.
- c) DCS may compile, use and share any information that does not relate to any specific user.
- d) DCS owns and retains all rights to non-personal statistical information collected and compiled by DCS.

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