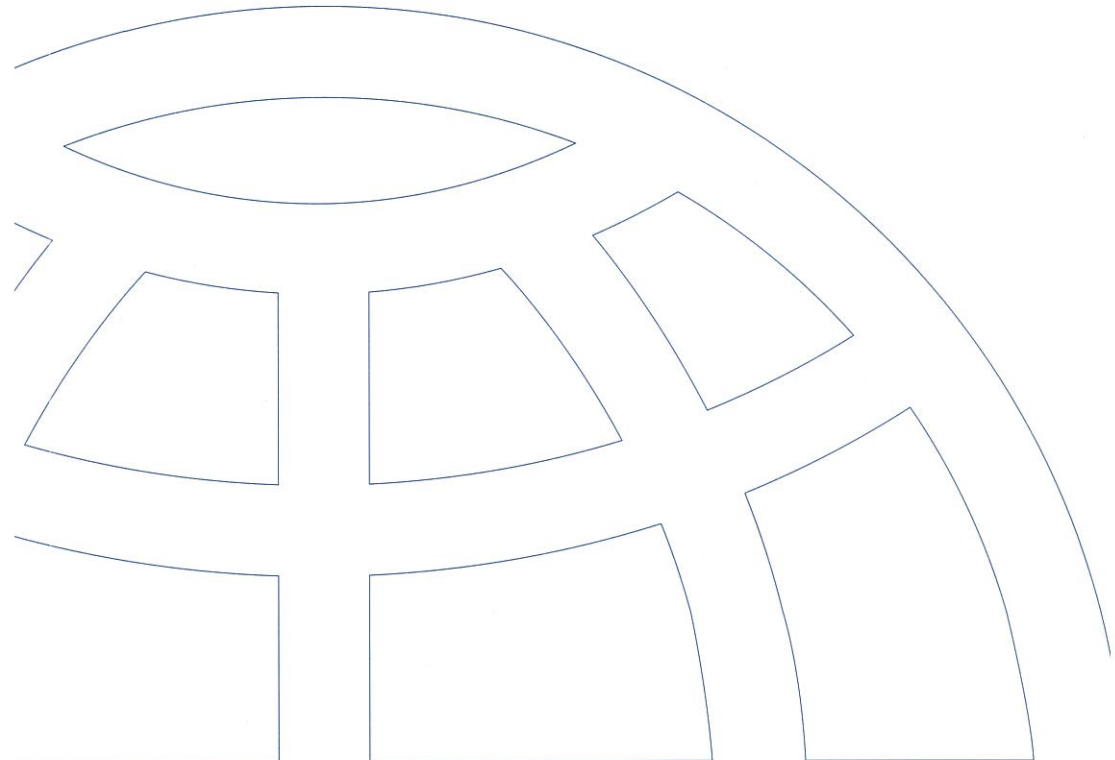




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1 Introduction

A Background

The White Book has been prepared in three stages. The objective of the first stage was to edit FIDIC's International General Rules of Agreement (IGRA) 1979 D&S document into simpler language and a more logical order, and to develop it into a format consistent with the FIDIC style traditionally adopted for its other standard forms of conditions of contract. See References (13) to (19) in Chapter VIII.

In the second stage, alterations were made in principle to take account of written comments received on IGRA 1979 D&S and to accord with current practice and the intent of drafts of sample documents for consulting services prepared by International Funding Agencies (IFA).

The last, more difficult, stage was to refine the provisions for liability, insurance and indemnity.

A draft version of the White Book was reviewed by the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and a joint committee from the Arab Funds. Many comments resulting from these reviews were incorporated into the final document.

The purpose of the White Book Guide is twofold, namely:

- to assist those who wish to draft Consultancy Agreements using the White Book as published or as the main reference; and
- to provide some insights into the rationale for the White Book's provisions and the content of the Guide dealing with completing an Agreement based on the White Book

In 1998, the White Book was updated to the 3rd Edition and this Guide reflects the amendments made.