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16. If there is a works council or trade union, does it have any right to be informed or involved in the investigation?

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Unless the employment contract or the relevant internal policies specify otherwise, there is no automatic right under Hong Kong law for a works council or trade union to be informed or involved in a workplace investigation.

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The law is silent on whether a member of a trade union has the right to be informed or involved in the investigation. Typically, this is dependent on the employee's contract, handbook or other policies of the employer.

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In general, works councils and trade unions are not very common in Switzerland and there are no statutory rules that would provide a works council or trade union a right to be informed or involved in an ongoing internal investigation. However, respective obligations might be foreseen in an applicable collective bargaining agreement, internal regulations or similar.

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