# GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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## **CO-OPERATIVE BANKS ACT SUPERVISORS' RULES**

We, André Bezuidenhout and David de Jong, respectively appointed by the South African Reserve Bank and the Co-operative Banks Development Agency as supervisors of co-operative banks, hereby publish in terms of section 46(1) of the Co-operative Banks Act, 2007 (Act No. 40 of 2007), the CO-OPERATIVE BANKS ACT SUPERVISORS' RULES.

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Supervisor

D. de Jong

Supervisor

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#### **POWERS TO MAKE RULES**

The respective supervisors appointed by the South African Reserve Bank and the Co-operative Banks Development Agency may, in terms of section 46(1) of the Co-operative Banks Act, 2007 (Act No 40 of 2007), prescribe rules with regard to-

- "(a) any matter that is required or permitted to be prescribed in terms of this Act; and
- (b) any other matter for the better implementation of this Act or a function or power provided for in this Act".

For purposes of co-ordination and consistency, amendments to these rules must be published jointly by the respective supervisors.

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#### **CHAPTER 1— GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **Definitions and Interpretation**

- 1. (1) In these Rules, "the Act" means the Co-operative Banks Act, 2007 (Act No. 40 of 2007), and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have the meaning so assigned to it in the Act, unless the context indicates otherwise.
- (2) In these Rules, "Regulations" means the Regulations issued in terms of section 86 of the Act, and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Regulations shall have the meaning so assigned to it in the Regulations, unless the context indicates otherwise, and —

"Board and Staff Related Loans" means loans granted to employees, officials and directors of the co-operative bank or their direct family members or business associates as defined in its lending policy, whereas direct family member in relation to any person, means —

- (a) a spouse;
- (b) a child, stepchild, parent or stepparent; and
- (c) the spouse of any of the persons mentioned in (b).

"chief financial officer" means the most senior person responsible for the financial management and financial reporting of the co-operative bank;

"Co-operative Regulations" means the regulations issued under the Co-operatives Act;

"financial information" refers to the audited financial statements:

"international paper size A4" means paper of size approximately 298 millimetres by 207 millimetres;

"Official Website" means the official website of the supervisor appointed by the Agency or the official website of the supervisor appointed by the South African Reserve Bank, as may be applicable in the context of these Rules;

"Rules" means the CO-OPERATIVE BANKS ACT SUPERVISORS' RULES issued by the respective supervisors appointed by the South African Reserve Bank and the Agency.

(3) In the event of an inconsistency between any provision of these Rules and any provision of the Act or the Regulations issued in terms of the Act, the provision of the Act or the Regulations, as the case may be, prevails.

### Communication and submission of information

- 2. (1) All communications to the respective supervisor, and all documents required to be sent to or lodged with the respective supervisor, may be submitted personally, sent by post, or transmitted in an electronic format by electronic means, subject to the provisions of the operational requirements published on the Official Website, setting out the requirements, processes and procedures in respect of such electronic services.
- (2) The contact details, banking details, and other essential services, information and forms are available on the Official Website, which information may also be published in another format by the respective supervisors, as deemed necessary.
- (3) The forms and returns contained in Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 of these Rules must be used in all cases to which they apply, and must be completed and submitted in accordance with the instructions contained in these Rules and indicated on the forms and returns, as well as in accordance with any applicable guideline or directive issued by the respective supervisors.
- (4) The forms and returns may be modified by the relevant supervisor to meet other cases or as circumstances may require, and the amended forms and returns may be published on the Official Website.
- (5) The supervisor must notify the co-operative banks in writing of such modifications to the forms and returns.
- (6) Hard copies of the forms and returns are obtainable from the respective supervisor, and may be downloaded from the Official Website.
- (7) Unless specifically directed otherwise by the respective supervisors, the use of reproductions is permissible, provided that they correspond to the prescribed forms and returns in all respects.
- (8) All documents lodged with the respective supervisors must be typed or written in legible characters with deep permanent black ink on strong white paper of international size A4.
- (9) The respective supervisors may reject any document which-
  - (a) is not suitable for purposes of record;