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CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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## CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

The Co-operative Societies Regulations ("the Principal Regulations") are made under section 81 of the Co-operative Societies Act 1939 ("the Principal Act"). The Principal Regulations provide for matters such as prescribing formats for the various records required to be kept by co-operative societies and the application, subject to specified modifications, of certain provisions and regulations in force under the Corporations Act 1989 of the Commonwealth.

The Principal Act, as amended by the Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill 1991 provides for more comprehensive accounting and reporting requirements to be complied with by societies in preparing their annual financial statements.

The Co-operative Societies Regulations (Amendment) ("the Amending Regulations") amend the Principal Regulations to prescribe the requirements in Schedule 5 of the Corporations Regulations of the Commonwealth made under the Corporations Act 1989, with specified modifications, and accounting standards to be applied in relation to a society's accounts.

The Amending Regulations have no financial implications.

Details of the Amending Regulations are set out in the Attachment.

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**Regulation 1** provides that the Amending Regulations will commence operation on the same day the Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act 1991 commences.

**Regulation 2** inserts the following proposed regulations after regulation 26 of the Principal Regulations.

Proposed subregulation 26A(1) states that the prescribed requirements in relation to a co-operative society's accounts, for the purposes of section 42A(2) of the Principal Act, are those in force under Schedule 5 of the Corporations Regulations of the Commonwealth as at the 30 May 1991. Section 42A(2) requires the accounts of a society to be kept in accordance with the relevant prescribed requirements.

Subsection 26A(1) further provides that the applicable requirements are subject to the modifications set out in a table included in it.

Proposed subregulation 26B provides that, for the purposes of section 42A(4) of the Principal Act, the approved accounting standards are to be applied by the society as if they were part of, and in conjunction with, Schedule 5 of the Corporations Regulations of the Commonwealth. Subsection 42A(4) requires the accounts of a society to comply with the relevant approved accounting standards.