

REMINDER

TRANSITIONAL REQUIREMENTS CO-OPERATIVES CO-OPERATIVES ACT, NO 14 OF 2005

1) TO WHOM IS THIS NOTICE APPLICABLE TO?

All Co-operatives that are registered as such under any other Act except the **Co-Operatives Act, No 14 of 2005** (“the Act”), should re-submit their constitutions to the Registrar of Co-Operatives (“The Registrar”) in order to ensure that it complies with the current Act.

2) WHY MUST CO-OPERATIVES RESUBMIT THEIR CONSTITUTIONS?

In terms of **Section 97(2)** of the Act, all Co-operatives that are not registered under the Act should within three years from 2 May 2007 submit their constitutions for registration under the Act. The Registrar will then either register the constitution or issue an instruction as to the changes that should be made to the constitution before registration.

3) WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE THAT THE ACT WISHES TO ACHIEVE BY SECTION 97(2) OF THE ACT?

The objective of **Section 97(2)** of the Act is to have all active Co-operatives that have been registered under various other Acts to be registered under one. This will further assist the Registrar in only administering one Act.

4) ARE THERE ANY FEES APPLICABLE WHEN I SUBMIT THE CONSTITUTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 97(2) OF THE ACT?

There is no fee applicable when the constitution is submitted in terms of **Section 97(2)** of the Act.

5) **WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE CO-OPERATIVE DOES NOT SUBMIT ITS CONSTITUTION?**

If the Co-operatives do not convert before 1 May 2010, the Registrar will assume that the Co-operative is not trading and will start its dissolution. Once the Co-operative is no longer registered, the Co-operative is no longer a legal entity and will cease to exist.

6) **IN WHAT FORMAT MUST THE CO-OPERATIVE SUBMIT ITS CONSTITUTION?**

The constitution must be submitted in duplicate together with a completed CR6 form, resolution of the decision of the members to submit the registration in terms of **Section 97(2)** of the Act and a cover letter indicating the reason for submitting the constitution.

7) **HOW AND TO WHOM MUST THE CONSTITUTION BE SUBMITTED?**

The constitution may be posted or hand delivered to CIPRO addresses indicated below, addressed to the Registrar of Co-Operatives.

**Private Bag X237
Pretoria
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**77 Meintjies Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria
the dti Campus
Block F**

8) **WHOM MAY I CONTACT IF I REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION?**

For more information *the dti* Call Centre may be contacted on 0861 843 384.