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**ATT DWAR L-GHAQDIET KOPERATIVI
(KAP. 442)**

**Regolamenti ta' l-2003 li Jistabbilixxu Penali u Sanzjonijiet
Amministrattivi dwar l-Ghaqdiet Koperativi**

BIS-SAHHA tas-setghat moghtija bl-artikoli 17 u 108 ta' l-Att dwar l-Ghaqdiet Koperativi, il-Viċi Prim Ministru u Ministru għall-Politika Soċjali għamel dawn ir-regolamenti li ġejjin:-

1. It-titolu ta' dawn ir-regolamenti hu Regolamenti ta' l-2003 li Jistabbilixxu Penali u Sanzjonijiet Amministrattivi dwar l-Ghaqdiet Koperativi, u għandhom jibdeu isehhu f'dik id-data li l-Ministru responsabbli għall-affarijiet li għandhom x'jaqsmu mas-soċjetajiet koperativi jista' b'avviż fil-Gazzetta jistabbilixxi. Jistgħu ukoll jiġu stabbiliti dati differenti għad-dhul fis-sehh ta' għanijiet differenti u disposizzjonijiet differenti ta' dawn ir-regolamenti.

Titolu fil-qosor u bidu fis-sehh.

2. Kliem użat f'dawn ir-regolamenti għandu jkollu l-istess tifsir kif għandu fl-Att dwar is-Soċjetajiet Koperativi, hawn aktar 'il quddiem imsejjah "l-Att".

Tifsir.

3. Il-Bord għandu s-setgha li jimponi penali u sanzjonijiet amministrattivi skond l-Iskeda li tinsab ma' dawn ir-regolamenti.

Setgha li jiġu imposti penali u sanzjonijiet amministrattivi.

4. Il-Bord ikollu wkoll is-setgha li jxandar fil-gazzetti ta' kuljum u fuq il-mezzi tax-xandir l-ismijiet ta' dawk l-ghaqdiet koperattivi li jkunu saru soġġetti għal penali u sanzjonijiet amministrattivi mill-istess Bord skond ma hemm provdut f'dawn ir-regolamenti u fl-Att:

Setgha ta' xandir.

Izda l-Bord għandu biss juża' din is-setgha biex b'avviż pubbliku jxandar dik il-kontravvenzjoni, u dan dment li dik l-istess kontravvenzjoni tkun għadha qed issehh.

5. (1) L-għemil ta' proċeduri għall-użu u l-applikazzjoni ta' penali u sanzjonijiet amministrattivi mill-Bord għar-rigward ta' xi kontravvenzjoni kif tidher f'dawn ir-regolamenti jipprekludi milli jsiru proċeduri kriminali fil-konfront ta' l-istess persuna dwar l-istess kontravvenzjoni.

Prekluzjoni ta' proċeduri doppji.

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(2) Id-dispożizzjonijiet ta' dawn ir-regolamenti ma japplikawx f'dawk il-każijiet fejn jittiehdu proceduri kriminali dwar xi kontravvenzjoni imsemmija fl-Iskeda li tinsab ma' dawn ir-regolamenti.

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**CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES ACT
(CAP. 442)**

**Co-operative Societies (Establishment of Administrative
Penalties and Sanctions) Regulations, 2003.**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by articles 17 and 108 of the Co-operative Societies Act, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Social Policy has made the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement.

1. The title of these regulations is the Co-operative Societies (Establishment of Administrative Penalties and Sanctions) Regulations, 2003, and they shall come into force on such date as the Minister responsible for matters relating to co-operative societies may by notice in the Gazette establish. Different dates may be so established for the coming into force of different purposes and different provisions of these regulations.

Definitions.

2. Words used in these regulations shall have the same meaning as in the Co-operative Societies Act, hereinafter referred to as “the Act”.

Power to impose administrative penalties and sanctions.

3. The Board shall have the power to impose administrative penalties and sanctions in accordance with the Schedule to these regulations.

Authority to publicize.

4. The Board shall also have the authority to publish in daily newspapers and in the broadcasting media the names of those co-operative societies which have become subject to administrative penalties and sanctions imposed on them by the same Board as provided for in these regulations and in the Act:

Provided that the Board shall use this authority only to give public notice of such contravention, and during such time as the said contravention persists.

Preclusion of dual proceedings.

5. (1) The taking of proceedings for the use and application of administrative penalties and sanctions by the Board with respect to a contravention as outlined in these regulations shall preclude the taking of criminal proceedings against the same person in respect of the same contravention.

(2) The provisions of these regulations shall not apply in those cases where criminal proceedings are commenced in respect of a contravention included in the Schedule to these regulations.

The Board may inflict on any person who has violated any of the articles of the Act or of any regulations made thereunder as listed in the First Column of this Schedule and described in listed in the Second Column of this Schedule, the corresponding penalties listed in the Third and Fourth Column of this Schedule.

First Column	Second Column	Third Column	Fourth Column
Section	Contravention	Penalty	Additional Penalty
13, 39(2)	Failure to submit within a specified time to the Board such information (e.g. list of members, their addresses, occupied post and identity (Card number) as may be requested)	1m:50	1m:30 per month or part thereof
14(2), 20(1)(b)	Failure to undertake or execute any legitimate order issued by the Board	1m:50	1m:30 per month or part thereof
16(1)	Misuse or abuse of the word 'cooperative', 'cooperative' or any derivatives thereof (such as 'coop')	1m:50	
28(3)	Failure of a provisionally registered cooperative to show its provisional legal standing on all its correspondence	1m:50	1m:10 per day or part thereof
37(2)	Failure to register a change of address with the Board	1m:50	
38(1)	Failure to maintain an updated Register of Members and Shares	1m:50	
39(1)	Failure to allow Society Members to inspect the Society Statute, list of members and Act free of charge	1m:50	
45(3), 66(h)	Failure to appoint an Auditor	1m:200	
47, 110(1)(b)	A Society, its members or its officials knowingly or recklessly provides misleading, false or deceptive information to auditors or other persons		
48(1), 48(4)	Failure by a Committee of Management and/or Auditor to sign audited accounts (including failure to provide signature of individual)	1m:50	
48(1)(a)	Non Compliance of Financial Report with Third Schedule of the Act	1m:50	
48(1)	Audited Financial Report not sent to the Board within the stipulated time	1m:50	
48, 64(1), 65(1)	Annual General Meeting is not convened within six months of the closure of the financial year	1m:50	1m:30 per month or part thereof
53	Society accepts the application for membership of a person who is not eligible for membership	1m:50	
53(2)(d)	Society accepts the membership application of a commercial partnership without informing the Board immediately	1m:50	
57	A member of a Society has more than 40% of the share capital of that society	1m:50	
66(b)	Audited financial accounts not presented during an annual general meeting	1m:50	
72	A Society accepts a person on its committee of management when such person is not eligible to occupy such a post	1m:50	
101(3)	Failure by Liquidator to deposit funds or other assets of a dissolved Society as determined by the Board	1m:50	
101(4)	Failure by Liquidator to submit an annual progress report to the Board relating to the process of liquidation of a Society	1m:50	
110(1)(a)	A Society, its members or its officials deliberately refuse or fail to provide information or to perform duties required by the Act	1m:50	1m:30 per month or part thereof
110(1)(e)	A Society fails to appoint and update its Statute in accordance with Chapter 342 of the Laws of Malta	1m:50	1m:30 per month or part thereof
110(1)(c)	A person deliberately, or without valid reason, fails to obey or execute a legitimate order issued in writing under this Act	1m:50	
110(1)(d)	A person acts as a member of a committee of management or of a supervisory board when such person is not entitled to do so	1m:50	
110(1)(e)	A Society, its members or its officials perform an action which requires the prior consent or approval of the Board, without first having obtained such prior consent or approval	1m:50	
110(1)(f)	A Society, its members or its officials deliberately fail to fulfil or endorse a function which is required under this Act	1m:50	
110(1)(g)	A Society, its members or its officials deliberately perform or endorse an action which is prohibited under this Act	1m:50	