Submission

Draft Incorporated Societies Regulations 2023 and proposed initial fees under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022

Your name and organisation

for consideration by MBIE.

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Draft Incorporated Societies Regulations 2023

Title, Commencement and Part 1 – Preliminary provisions

Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 1-4? (Title, commencement, and Part 1)

No

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Part 2 - Incorporation of societies

Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 5-7? (Incorporation of societies)

In our 2022 submission on the regulations, we submitted that it should not be necessary to provide the physical address of all officers of the society, other than the registered address of the society – we are still of that view

We note that this officer address information will now not be published online – thankyou for that update. However, we still consider that the provision and maintenance of this information is a considerable administrative task that should not be required and which serves no discernible practical purpose.

Every year there are changes to a number of the FMC officers.

A more easily maintained way of contacting an officer would be through the provision of their email address

No further comment on these regulations

Part 3 - Administration of societies: Officers

Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 8-12? (Officers)

Re 11(b) See the comments above – this is additional administration for all concerned

Part 3 – Administration of societies: Members

Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 13-14? (Members)

Re 13(a) and (b) Many societies, including FMC (established 1931) have been in existence for a long time, and older membership records are not available, and membership database systems change periodically. It would be helpful to have an expiry date on the duration of keeping former member information (EG 7 years, as is required similarly for financial records)

Part 3 - Administration of societies: Financial reporting

Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 15-16? (Financial reporting)

No comment

Part 3 - Administration of societies: Annual return

Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 17-18? (Annual return)

Re 18(f) See our comments above re the requirement to provide a physical address for all officers

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Part 3 – Administration of societies: Other matters

Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 19-28? (Other matters)

Re 24 (2) (b) and 25 (1) (b) These clauses accept that an officer's address may not be

No further comment

Part 4 – Removal from register, amalgamation, liquidation, and other processes: Removal from, and restoration to, register

Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 29-38? (Removal, amalgamation, liquidation, and other processes)

No comment

9	Part 4 – Removal from register, amalgamation, liquidation, and other processes: Amalgamations
	Do you have any comments to make in relation regulations 39-41? (Amalgamations)
	No comment
11	Part 4 – Removal from register, amalgamation, liquidation, and other processes: Removal or liquidation of societies
	Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 42-44? (Removal or liquidation)
	No comment
	Part 5 – Societies and entities incorporated under other or former Acts: Reregistration of existing societies as societies under 2022 Act
	Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 45-46? (Reregistration of existing societies)
	45 (e) (i) See comments above re officer address
	No further comment
	Part 5 – Societies and entities incorporated under other or former Acts: Reregistration of specified entities and incorporated branches
	Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 47-52? (Specified entities and incorporated branches)
	No comment
13	Part 6 – Infringement fees and other fees
	Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 53-57? (Infringement fees and other fees)
	No comment
14	Part 7 – Transitional regulations for implementation of the 2022 Act
	Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 58-61? (Transitional regulations)
15	No comment
	General comments
	Do you have any general comments regarding the regulations?
	No

Proposed initial fees under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022

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Yes

Initial fees Do you agree with our proposal to roll over the current fees under the 1908 Act to the 2022 Act to cover the period until the system-wide funding review is complete? If not, why not?