Submission template

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

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Draft Incorporated Societies Regulations 2023

	Title, Commencement and Part 1 – Preliminary provisions
1	Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 1-4? (Title, commencement, and Part 1)
	[Insert response here]
	Part 2 – Incorporation of societies
2	Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 5-7? (Incorporation of societies)
	As a Residents Association that was first set up in 1969, we struggle with having to provide a registered address. We are a group of local volunteers who meet at a community meeting room once a month and perform our task of representing our local residents on local issues working online and from our own homes. It is not appropriate to name an address of the home of any Committee member and we have no other fixed abode. Contact with us is via email or social media platforms. We have even given up our postal address due to it being cost prohibitive.
	Perhaps there should be more lenient rules for Associations of a local community group nature with a very low cash turnover or perhaps we should no longer be on the register?
	Part 3 – Administration of societies: Officers
3	Do you have any comments to make in relation regulations 8-12? (Officers)
	The details required are too restrictive for a small organisation such as ours. We may sometimes have less than 10 Committee members.
4	Part 3 – Administration of societies: Members
	Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 13-14? (Members)
	[Insert response here]
5	Part 3 – Administration of societies: Financial reporting
	Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 15-16? (Financial reporting)
6	Part 3 – Administration of societies: Annual return
	Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 17-18? (Annual return)
	The new inclusion of naming and giving the address of every officer of the society (I am assuming this will correlate to Committee member or we would never have 10) is time consuming and restrictive for a small organisation such as ours.
	Documents are confusing as to whether the requirement is 10 or more officers or 10 or more members.
7	Part 3 – Administration of societies: Other matters
	Do you have any comments to make in relation to regulations 19-28? (Other matters)

	[Insert response here]
8	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)

[Insert response here]

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)
	[Insert response here]
10	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)
	[Insert response here]
11	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)
	Not clear if we would need to reregister or not.
12	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)
	[Insert response here]
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)
	As a local volunteer group with very little income the infringements are extremely prohibitive along with the unknown fees yet to be decided.
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	General comments
	Do you have any general comments regarding the regulations?
	As a small volunteer organisation (non-charity) with little income other than grants from the Local Board to hold occasional public meetings these rules and regulations are not appropriate for us. We have obviously been a registered Association since 1969 but I'm wondering if remaining so is a good idea. We do not have funding for legal interpretation of the changing Act and what this means for us.

Proposed initial fees under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022

Initial fees

16 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?

Unsure what fees you are referring to. Assuming fees were paid, or not, in 1969 that you are rolling over. That would be a good thing as it will give us longer to decide if we can remain in our current society status or not.