
CREDIT UNIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2017

Explanatory Memorandum

1. This Bill is promoted by Mr Bill Shimmins, MHK on behalf of the Isle of Man Financial Services Authority.
2. *Clauses 1 and 2* deal respectively with the Short Title and Commencement of the resulting Act.
3. *Clause 3* declares that the *Credit Unions Act 1993* is amended in the manner specified in the succeeding clauses.
4. *Clause 4* repeals and replaces section 1. Like the existing section 1, the proposed section 1 provides for bringing credit unions into being. However, the proposed section 1 makes some important changes. It provides for the incorporation of “bodies corporate” known as “credit unions” rather than for “societies” to be “registered” as “credit unions” (which the existing section 1 provides for). The proposed section 1 breaks the reliance of the *Credit Unions Act 1993* (“the 1993 Act”) on the *Industrial and Building Societies Act 1892* (“the 1892 Act”) by providing that “credit unions” will be bodies corporate that, consequently, will not be at all reliant on the 1892 Act. The proposed section 1 therefore paves the way for the rules governing this distinct type of body corporate, i.e. a “credit union”, to be specified in the 1993 Act itself. This is duly done in the succeeding sections.

The proposed section 1 emphasises the importance of the common bond amongst persons wishing to be members of a particular credit union. It also sets out the object of a credit union, additional qualifications for admission to membership of a credit union, and the other procedural requirements for incorporation of a credit union, and expressly provides that upon incorporation a credit union exists as a separate legal entity.

Lastly, the proposed section 1 expressly requires a credit union to obtain a licence in addition to being incorporated. Both the licence and incorporation are required in order for a credit union to be able to engage lawfully in a regulatory activity.

5. *Clause 5* repeals and replaces section 2 of the 1993 Act. The proposed section 2 makes clear that a society whose objects are wholly or substantially those of a credit union within the meaning of the proposed section 1(4) are to be incorporated under the 1993 Act (as amended by the Bill), as opposed to under the 1892 Act (which is what the existing section 2 requires). The proposed section 2 further provides that any registration or incorporation of such a society under the 1892 Act is void.
6. *Clause 6* inserts into the 1993 Act two new sections, i.e. sections 2A and 2B:

- (a) Section 2A provides for a right of appeal to a court of summary jurisdiction by any person aggrieved by any decision of the Department under the 1993 Act (as amended by the Bill), and permits the court in those circumstances to either confirm the decision of the Department or give or make such other direction or determination as it may think fit.
- (b) Section 2B provides for appeals of decisions made by the Authority, which decisions it states an aggrieved person may appeal in accordance with section 32 of the *Financial Services Act 2008*.
7. *Clause 7* amends section 3 of the 1993 Act by deleting “society registered as a” from subsection (1), increasing the maximum fine in subsection (2) from £2,500 to £5,000, and repealing and replacing subsection (4) with a provision that expressly provides that the objects of a credit union shall not be regarded as wholly charitable or benevolent.
8. *Clause 8* repeals and replaces section 4 of the 1993 Act. The proposed section 4 is substantially similar to the existing one; the main difference being that the proposed one requires registration under the 1993 Act of rules or amendments to rules in order for them to be valid, whereas the existing one subjects the 1993 Act to the 1892 Act in this respect. The proposed new section 4 also prescribes steps to be taken to secure the required registration, provides that the provisions on appeals from a refusal to incorporate apply to rules and amendment of rules, and provides for rules of a credit union to be made available to members of the public.
9. *Clause 9* amends the 1993 Act by inserting immediately after section 4 a new section, i.e. section 4A. That section provides for any person, on payment of a prescribed fee, to inspect a copy of any document kept by the Department. Further, it provides for copies of specified documents to be certified by the Department, also on payment of a prescribed fee. Such certified copies shall, it provides, in all proceedings be admissible in evidence the quality of which shall be of equal validity with that of the original document.
10. *Clause 10* makes several amendments to section 5. One of the more significant of these amendments expressly permits bodies corporate and unincorporated societies, as well as individuals (the only group for which the existing section 5 provides), to be members of credit unions. However, bodies corporate and unincorporated societies may save with credit unions but may not borrow from them.

Clause 10 also qualifies section 5’s mention of “shares” with the term “ordinary”, in order to make a distinction between “ordinary shares” and “deferred shares”, a concept which the Bill proposes to introduce into the 1993 Act. Also, an amendment is made to permit the maximum amount that members may borrow from a credit union to be expressed as a monetary amount or a percentage of a specified or determinable monetary amount.

The clause also inserts two new subsections, i.e. subsections (10) and (11), which respectively provide for the liability of a member of a credit union in respect of

both deferred and ordinary shares and for the Authority to by order amend subsection (6) to either adjust the maximum number of permitted non-qualifying members of a credit union or amend any provision of the 1993 Act (as amended by the Bill) that prescribes matters to be provided for in the rules of a credit union.

11. *Clause 11* repeals and replaces section 6 of the 1993 Act. The proposed section 6 is much briefer than the existing one. This is largely because of the breaking of the reliance on the 1892 Act, which was earlier mentioned. Instead, the proposed section 6 provides that the maximum number of members of a credit union will be determined by the Authority and specified in the Rule Book. The minimum number of members is kept at 21.
12. *Clause 12* amends section 7 of the 1993 Act. The main purposes of the amendments made are to introduce into the Act a distinction between “deferred” and “ordinary” shares, and to provide for the different treatment of each. The existing clause 7 provides only for “shares”, making no distinction between “ordinary” and “deferred” shares. The proposed amendments empower the Authority to provide by order that credit unions may issue “deferred” shares in addition to “ordinary” shares, and to impose on a case by case basis conditions subject to which a particular credit union or group of credit unions may issue “deferred” shares. Any such conditions must be specified in writing to the credit union or group of credit unions. Crucially, the amendments provide that “ordinary” shares are not transferable, whereas “deferred” shares are.
13. *Clause 13* inserts two new sections into the 1993 Act, i.e. sections 7A and 7B:
 - (a) Section 7A authorises a credit union member who is 18 years of age or older to nominate a person or persons who will receive all or a portion of the member’s property held by the credit union at the time of the member’s death. Conditions upon the validity of such a nomination are specified in the section, and restrictions are also specified. The nomination is revocable, and credit unions are required to keep a register of all such nominations. An exception to the rule of non-transferability of ordinary shares is provided in respect of ordinary shares that are the subject matter of such a nomination.
 - (b) Section 7B provides for the effect on a nomination of the nominator’s entry into a marriage or civil partnership. Such entry will automatically revoke the nomination, except that a *bona fide* transfer of property to a nominee in ignorance of the marriage or civil partnership shall be valid and the credit union shall be indemnified in respect of liability to any other person claiming the property so transferred. The section also sets out rules in respect of how the credit union may transfer the property in question to the nominees.
14. *Clause 14* repeals and replaces section 8 of the 1993 Act. The proposed section 8 is considerably briefer than the existing one. Its main achievement is to categorically forbid credit unions from accepting “deposits” from any person. It provides, however, that the fact that the said prohibition is contravened shall

not affect any civil liability arising in respect of the deposit or the money deposited.

15. *Clause 15* repeals and replaces section 9 of the 1993 Act. The proposed section 9 permits persons under the age of 18 years to be members of a credit union unless the rules of the credit union provide otherwise. However, such persons may only save with the credit union; they may not borrow from it. They are also prohibited from voting on any of the credit union's affairs, but if aged at least 16 years may execute instruments and give receipts required under the rules of the credit union. They are also prohibited from being members of a credit union's committee or from serving in the capacity of trustee, manager or treasurer of a credit union.
16. *Clause 16* repeals and replaces section 10 of the 1993 Act. The proposed section 10 permits a credit union to borrow and invest money, and permits the Authority to specify in the Rule Book detailed requirements, conditions or restrictions for investing money.
17. *Clause 17* repeals and replaces section 11 of the 1993 Act and inserts a section immediately after the proposed section 11, i.e. section 11A:
 - (a) Section 11 permits a credit union to make to a member who is 18 years of age or older a loan for a provident and productive purpose, either with or without security and upon such terms as may be provided in the rules of the credit union. The loan is to be repaid in 5 years if secured, and within 2 years if unsecured. Credit unions are permitted to charge interest at a rate of 1% per month on the amount outstanding; which amount must include all administrative and other expenses in connection with the loan. However, the Authority is empowered by order to prescribe a different rate of interest. The amount that may be loaned is set at a maximum of £5000 in excess of the member's total paid-up shareholding in the credit union at the time. Also, the Authority is empowered to by order adjust the term of the loan as well as the maximum amount that may be loaned.
 - (b) Section 11A provides for a credit union member to whom a loan has been made to apply for the loan to be treated as a secured loan if at the time the loan is made the member's paid-up shareholding in the credit union, excluding any deferred shares, is equal to or greater than the member's total liability (including contingent liability) to the credit union, whether as borrower, guarantor or otherwise.
18. *Clause 18* inserts into the 1993 Act, immediately after section 12, a new section, i.e. section 12A. Section 12A permits any body corporate to hold shares in a credit union in its corporate name, provided its constitutional documents so permit. Such shares may be either ordinary or deferred, or both.
19. *Clause 19* repeals and replaces section 13 of the 1993 Act. The proposed section 13 permits a credit union to change its name by special resolution with the written approval of the Authority and the Department. The section imposes conditions and restrictions on this power. The new name must be sent to the

Department and registered by it, and the Department must issue a certificate of the registration of such change of name. It is provided that the change of name will not affect rights, obligations or legal proceedings. The section also makes other relevant procedural provisions.

20. *Clause 20* repeals and replaces section 14 of the 1993 Act. The proposed section 14 requires every credit union to submit to the Authority and to the Department annual financial statements. It also requires the credit union to maintain a general reserve. In addition, the section empowers a credit union to pay a dividend to its members. Lastly, it expressly states that its provisions are subject to such detailed requirements as the Authority shall prescribe in the Rule Book.
21. *Clause 21* repeals section 15 of the 1993 Act and substitutes the cross-heading immediately preceding section 15.
22. *Clause 22* repeals and replaces section 16 of the 1993 Act. The proposed section 16 permits the Treasury to make regulations establishing a scheme for compensating savers in credit unions in cases where credit unions are unable or likely to be unable to satisfy any claims legitimately made against them in respect of the handling of their business. Such regulations are subject to consultation with the Authority and such other person as the Treasury may consider appropriate, and must be approved by Tynwald in order to come into operation. The section also makes connected procedural and administrative provisions.
23. *Clause 23* repeals and replaces section 17 of the 1993 Act. The proposed section 17 makes provision for inspection of the affairs of credit unions. Inspection is commenced on application to the court by the Authority or a fifth of the total number of members of the credit union. Upon such application, the court may either appoint inspectors for the purpose or call a special meeting of the credit union. The proposed section makes other relevant procedural provisions.
24. *Clause 24* amends section 18 of the 1993 Act by deleting the reference to the 1892 Act and substituting a reference to the *Financial Services Act 2008*. It also inserts a cross-heading immediately before section 18.
25. *Clause 25* repeals and replaces section 19 of the 1993 Act and inserts immediately after section 19 a number of new sections, i.e. sections 19A, 19B, 19C, 19D, and 19E:
 - (a) The proposed section 19 sets out duties and obligations of credit unions. Every credit union must have a registered office in the Island and must advise the Department of the location every such office and of every change in location of any such office. It must also ensure that periodic statements of assets, liabilities and the like are prepared and that such statements are submitted for audit. Members and creditors of credit unions are entitled to receive copies of account statements.
 - (b) Section 19A sets out additional duties and obligations of credit unions. These include the duty to submit an annual return to the Department before 1 June, and to make such annual statements available for inspection by any

member or person having an interest in the funds of the credit union. Credit unions are also required to supply free of charge copies of annual statements to any member or interested person who applies for such copies.

- (c) Section 19B creates offences in respect of information.
 - (d) Section 19C provides for the form and depositing of documents that credit unions are required to submit to the Department.
 - (e) Section 19D sets out privileges of credit unions. Chief among them is that credit unions are bodies corporate with a separate legal personality from those of its members and therefore can sue and be sued in their own names, have limited liability, have perpetual succession, and can own property. Also noteworthy is the fact that all moneys payable to a credit union by a member will be regarded as a debt and may be recovered by the credit union as such. Additionally, there are specific provisions on how contracts on behalf of the credit union may be made, varied or discharged.
 - (f) Section 19E gives credit unions power to charge for ancillary services they provides to members. Credit unions are permitted to charge whatever fees they consider appropriate.
26. *Clause 26* repeals and replaces section 20 of the 1993 Act. The proposed section 20 provides for winding up and dissolution of credit unions. It sets out the circumstances in which and the means by which a credit union may be wound up and dissolved, prescribes details about the instrument of dissolution, specifies aspects of the procedure for dissolution and sets out the consequences of winding up and dissolution.
27. *Clause 27* inserts immediately after section 20 a new section, i.e. section 20A. The section empowers the Department to order the disposal of valueless documents at any time after a specified post-dissolution period has elapsed.
28. *Clause 28* repeals and replaces section 21 of the 1993 Act. The proposed section 21 permits a credit union to amalgamate with another credit union or to transfer its engagements to, or accept a transfer of engagements from, another credit union. Any such action must be registered by the Department in order to take effect, but such registration must be preceded by the Department's receipt of the Authority's written agreement. It is further provided that the right to amalgamate or transfer only relates to other credit unions, not to any other type of body corporate.
29. *Clause 29* repeals and replaces section 22 of the 1993 Act. The proposed section expressly prohibits the conversion of a credit union into a company.
30. *Clause 30* repeals and replaces section 23 of the 1993 Act. The proposed section expressly prohibits the conversion of a company into a credit union.
31. *Clause 31* amends section 24 of the 1993 Act. It substitutes the heading as well as specified words in subsections (1) and (2). The words removed from subsection (2) relate to the 1892 Act, the 1993 Act's reliance on which the Bill aims to break (as was previously asserted).

32. *Clause 32* repeals section 25 of the 1993 Act.
33. *Clause 33* amends section 26 of the 1993 Act by supplementing the reference to “rules” with references to the 1993 Act itself and the *Financial Services Act 2008*.
34. *Clause 34* repeals and replaces section 27 of the 1993 Act. The proposed section makes provision for offences and, in so doing, specifies circumstances in which both a body corporate and an officer of that body corporate may be tried for committing a single offence. It also provides for a general defence that is available to anyone charged with an offence under the 1993 Act (as amended by the Bill).
35. *Clause 35* inserts immediately after section 27 a number of new sections, i.e. sections 27A, 27B, 27C, 27D, 27E and 27F:

- (a) Section 27A provides that an offence is committed where any of the following is done:
- (i) persons hold themselves out to be a credit union and commence carrying on the business of a credit union without having obtained a certificate of incorporation as a credit union;
 - (ii) a credit union fails to file a return it is required to file; or
 - (iii) a credit union files such a return despite its containing false or misleading information that was known to be so at the time it was being filed.

It further provides that where a credit union issues shares of any description that are in excess of the limits prescribed by the 1993 Act (as amended by the Bill), the members of the committee of management of the credit union are personally liable for the excess amounts.

- (b) Section 27B makes it an offence to falsify documents such as a balance sheet of a credit union or a record of members’ shares.
- (c) Section 27C requires officers of a credit union, on pain of the penalty of personal liability for the transaction in question, to use the name of the credit union in any bill of exchange, promissory note, endorsement, cheque, order for money or goods, or the like.
- (d) Section 27D provides for recovery of penalties imposed under the 1993 Act (as amended by the Bill) or any regulations made under it. Such penalties may be recovered in a court of summary jurisdiction at the suit of the Department, the Authority or the Treasury, as may be appropriate.
- (e) Section 27E provides for a fine not exceeding £2,500 to be imposed on conviction of any person who commits an offence under the 1993 Act (as amended by the Bill) for which the said Act does not expressly provide a penalty in a section other than section 27E.
- (f) Section 27F makes extensive provision for determination of disputes. Among the mechanisms provided for are forms of alternative dispute resolution and determination by the Department. Provision is made

regarding the effect of an award arising out of the use of an authorised mechanism, and the courts are expressly given power to enforce any such award if there is evidence of refusal of at least one party to comply with the award. There are also provisions for the court to hear and determine disputes in specified circumstances, for appeals by way of case stated to the Staff of Government Division, and for discovery of documents.

36. *Clause 36* repeals and replaces section 28 of the 1993 Act. The proposed section provides for the making of regulations by the Department with the concurrence of the Treasury and the Authority. It also contains provisions that are relevant to the power to make orders, regulations or the Rule Book that is given to the Authority by other provisions of the 1993 Act (as amended by the Bill). The proposed section also specifies the relevant Tynwald procedures and mandates that prescribed forms are to be made available on the website of the Authority, the Department, or the Treasury, as may be appropriate.
37. *Clause 37* amends section 29 of the 1993 Act by defining several new terms that the Bill introduces.
38. *Clause 38* amends section 30 of the 1993 Act by repealing subsection (2).
39. *Clause 39* amends the 1993 Act by repealing Schedule 1 and replacing it with an unnumbered Schedule.
40. *Clause 40* repeals Schedule 2 to the 1993 Act.
41. *Clause 41* makes consequential amendments to the *Company and Business Names Etc Act 2012*.
42. The resulting Act is not expected to have any financial or human resource implications.
43. In the opinion of the member moving the Bill, its provisions are compatible with the Convention rights within the meaning of the *Human Rights Act 2001*.



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1 **A BILL** to amend the Credit Unions Act 1993 to impose a requirement for credit
 2 unions to be licensed by the Isle of Man Financial Services Authority; to make
 3 comprehensive and self-sufficient provision for the registration of credit unions;
 4 to break the reliance on the Industrial and Building Societies Acts 1892 to 1986;
 5 to subject credit unions to the requirements of the Financial Services Act 2008;
 6 and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and
 consent of the Council and Keys in Tynwald assembled, and by the authority of the
 same, as follows:—

7 **1 Short title**

8 The short title of this Act is the Credit Unions (Amendment) Act 2017.

9 **2 Commencement**

10 (1) This Act comes into operation on such day or days as the Isle of Man
 11 Financial Services Authority (“the Authority”) may by order appoint,
 12 and different days may be appointed for different purposes of this Act.

13 (2) An order under subsection (1) may make such transitional and saving
 14 provisions as the Authority considers necessary or expedient.

15 **3 Amendment of the Credit Unions Act 1993**

16 The *Credit Unions Act 1993* is amended as follows.

17 **4 Repeal and replacement of section 1**

18 Section 1 is repealed and replaced with the following —

19 **“1 Incorporation of credit unions**

20 (1) For the purposes of this Act, a “**credit union**” is a body corporate
 21 —

- 1 (a) which has a separate legal personality from those of its
2 members;
- 3 (b) in which admission to membership is restricted to persons
4 all of whom fulfil a specific qualification which is stated in
5 the rules and is appropriate to a credit union (whether or
6 not any other qualifications are also required by the rules),
7 so that in consequence a common bond exists between its
8 members;
- 9 (c) whose members, subject to section 9, each have equal rights
10 to vote and participate in decisions affecting the credit
11 union, without regard to the amount of savings or the
12 volume of business;
- 13 (d) whose objects are those, and only those, of a credit union;
- 14 (e) whose business is conducted for the benefit of the
15 community which, as set out in the rules, it is intended to
16 serve; and
- 17 (f) which does not carry on business with the object of making
18 profits mainly for the payment of interest, dividends or
19 bonuses on money placed with, or lent to, it or any other
20 person.

21 (2) The following provisions have effect with respect to applications
22 for incorporation as a credit union –

- 23 (a) at least 21 prospective applicants, who must be resident in
24 the Island, and the proposed secretary must complete and
25 sign the prescribed application form, which must then be
26 submitted to the Department along with two copies of the
27 rules of the proposed credit union;
- 28 (b) the *Company and Business Names etc Act 2012* has effect in
29 respect of applications for incorporation as a credit union,
30 and the requirements of that Act are additional to the
31 requirements of this Act;
- 32 (c) the word “limited” shall be the last word in the proposed
33 name in every application for incorporation as a credit
34 union;
- 35 (d) the Department, on being satisfied that the details set out in
36 the application constitute compliance with the
37 requirements of this Act, shall issue a certificate of
38 incorporation in the prescribed form; and
- 39 (e) a certificate of incorporation issued in accordance with
40 paragraph (d) shall be conclusive evidence that the credit
41 union named therein exists as a separate legal entity.

42 These provisions are subject to subsections (3) to (8).

- 1 (3) An application for incorporation under this Act may not be
2 granted unless —
- 3 (a) the specified application form has been completed, signed
4 and submitted;
- 5 (b) no undischarged bankrupt has signed the application
6 form;
- 7 (c) it is shown to the satisfaction of the Authority that the
8 following conditions have been fulfilled —
- 9 (i) the proposed objects are only those of a credit
10 union; and
- 11 (ii) admission to membership of the proposed credit
12 union is to be restricted to persons who reside in the
13 Island and who fulfil any additional qualification
14 (common bond) that —
- 15 (A) falls within a category specified in; or
16 (B) has been prescribed in accordance with,
17 subsection (4) (whether or not any other
18 qualifications are also required by the rules);
- 19 (d) the rules of the credit union comply with section 4(1);
- 20 (e) the proposed registered office is situated in the Island
- 21 (f) the name of the proposed credit union is acceptable;
- 22 (g) the required fee has been paid;
- 23 (h) there will be fraud insurance in respect of the proposed
24 credit union;
- 25 (i) there are proposed arrangements for savings protection
26 and share guarantee for ordinary shares; and
- 27 (j) any other requirements imposed by or in accordance with
28 this Act have been satisfied.
- 29 (4) The objects of a credit union are —
- 30 (a) the promotion of thrift among the members of the credit
31 union by the accumulation of their savings;
- 32 (b) the creation of sources of credit for the benefit of the
33 members of the credit union at a fair and reasonable rate
34 of interest;
- 35 (c) the use and control of the members' savings for their
36 mutual benefit; and
- 37 (d) the training and education of the members in the wise use
38 of money and in the management of their financial affairs.
- 39 (5) The additional qualifications for admission to membership
40 (common bonds) may include —

(a) following a particular occupation;
 (b) residing in a particular part of the Island; or
 (c) being employed by a particular employer,
 and such other qualifications as the Authority may prescribe by order.

(6) Notwithstanding its incorporation under this Act and subject to section 27A, a credit union shall not —

(a) begin to carry on the business of a credit union unless the Authority has issued it a licence under section 7 of the *Financial Services Act 2008*; or

(b) continue carrying on the business of a credit union whilst the licence referred to in paragraph (a) is suspended or after it has been revoked in accordance with section 9 of the *Financial Services Act 2008*,

and in any case of contravention of this section the relevant provisions of the *Financial Services Act 2008* shall apply.

(7) An order made under subsection (5) shall be subject to consultation with such persons as the Authority considers appropriate, and shall not come into operation until it has been approved by Tynwald.

(8) For the avoidance of doubt —

(a) none of the following actions constitutes holding oneself out as carrying on, in or from the Island, a regulated activity within the meaning of section 4 of the *Financial Services Act 2008* —

(i) submitting an application for incorporation under this section; or

(ii) the mere issue or the mere possession of a certificate of incorporation of a credit union, provided the required licence under the *Financial Services Act 2008* is sought from the Authority within 5 working days after the issue of the certificate of incorporation; and

(b) in keeping with subsection (6), a credit union's possession of a certificate of incorporation does not obviate the requirement to obtain the aforementioned licence before the credit union can lawfully carry on a regulated activity in or from the Island.”.

5 Repeal and replacement of section 2

Section 2 is repealed and replaced with the following —

“2 Registration or incorporation under the 1892 Act

- (1) A society whose objects are wholly or substantially those of a credit union within the meaning of section 1(4) shall not be registered or incorporated under the 1892 Act but shall be incorporated as a credit union under this Act.
- (2) Any registration or incorporation of such a society under the 1892 Act shall be void.”.

6 Insertion of new sections: 2A and 2B

The following shall be inserted immediately after section 2 —

“2A Appeals from decisions of the Department

- (1) Any person who is aggrieved by —
 - (a) the refusal of the Department to incorporate a credit union or to register any rules;
 - (b) the refusal of the Department to register or receive any document submitted to it; or
 - (c) any other act or decision of the Department under this Act,may appeal to a court of summary jurisdiction within 21 days after the date of the refusal or other act or decision, or within such further time as the court of summary jurisdiction may allow.
- (2) On hearing the appeal, the court of summary jurisdiction may —
 - (a) confirm the refusal or other act or decision of the Department; or
 - (b) give such directions or make such determination in the matter as it thinks fit.
- (3) If the refusal to incorporate is overruled on appeal, a certificate of incorporation in the prescribed form shall be issued to the credit union by the Department.
- (4) The certificate of incorporation issued in accordance with subsection (3) shall have the same effect as one issued in accordance with section 1(1)(e).
- (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of any enactment or any rule of law, where a person appeals or applies to the court of summary jurisdiction in respect of an act or decision of the Department under this Act —
 - (a) the Department and any person authorised by it under that section for the purpose may continue to exercise its powers under that section as if no such appeal or application had been made; and

- (b) no person shall be excused from fulfilling his obligations under that section by reason of that appeal or application, until a decision on the appeal or application is given.

2B Appeals from decisions of the Authority

A person aggrieved by a decision of the Authority may appeal in accordance with section 32 of the *Financial Services Act 2008*.

7 Amendment of section 3

Section 3 is amended —

- (a) in subsection (1), by deleting “society registered as a”;
- (b) in subsection (2), by deleting “£2,500” and substituting “£5,000”; and
- (c) by repealing subsection (4) and replacing it with the following —
- “(4) The objects of a credit union shall not be regarded as wholly charitable or benevolent.”.

8 Repeal and replacement of section 4

Section 4 is repealed and replaced with the following —

“4 Rules

- (1) The rules of a credit union shall be in such form as the Authority may specify and shall contain —
- (a) provision with respect to matters mentioned in the Schedule; and
- (b) such additional provision as the Authority may determine.
- (2) The rules of a credit union may not be amended except by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members present at a general meeting called for the purpose after the giving of such notice as is by the rules required for such a resolution.
- (3) No rule and no amendment of a rule made by a credit union shall be valid until the same have been registered under this Act, and for that purpose the following steps shall be complied with —
- (a) two copies of such rules or amendment of a rule, signed by three members and the secretary, shall be sent to the Department and one copy shall simultaneously be sent to the Authority; and

- 1 (b) the Authority shall assess and, if satisfied, advise the
 2 Department that the rule or amendment of a rule is in
 3 conformity with the requirements of this Act and any other
 4 applicable law;
- 5 (c) only after having been notified by the Authority in
 6 accordance with paragraph (b), the Department shall —
- 7 (i) register the rule or amendment of a rule;
- 8 (ii) return one of the copies to the secretary or other officer
 9 of the credit union, to which copy shall be attached a
 10 certificate of registration in the prescribed form; and
- 11 (iii) retain, stamp and register the other copy.
- 12 (4) The provisions of this Act as to appeals from a refusal to
 13 incorporate shall apply to rules and amendments of rules in
 14 respect of the role to be played by the Department, and in respect
 15 of the role to be played by the Authority the provisions of the
 16 *Financial Services Act 2008* shall apply.
- 17 (5) A copy of the rules of a credit union shall be —
- 18 (a) delivered by the credit union to every person on demand,
 19 on payment of a sum not exceeding such sum as may be
 20 prescribed under section 28; and
- 21 (b) made available on the credit union’s website.”.

22 9 Insertion of new section: 4A

23 The following shall be inserted immediately after section 4 —

24 “4A Inspection, production and evidence of documents kept by 25 Department

- 26 (1) Any person may inspect a copy of any document kept by the
 27 Department, including the rules of a credit union, on payment of a
 28 fee not exceeding such sum as may be prescribed under section 28.
- 29 (2) Any person may require —
- 30 (a) a copy of the certificate of incorporation of any credit
 31 union; or
- 32 (b) a copy or extract of any other document or any part of
 33 any other document,
 34 to be certified by the Department, on payment of such fees as
 35 may be prescribed under section 28.
- 36 (3) A copy or extract from any document registered at the office for
 37 the registration of companies, certified to be a true copy by the

Department, shall in all proceedings be admissible in evidence as of equal validity with the original document.”.

10 Amendment of section 5

Section 5 is amended —

- (a) by repealing subsection (1) and replacing it with the following —
- “(1) The following may be members of credit unions —
- (a) individuals; or
 - (b) bodies corporate and unincorporated societies, subject to the restriction that such members shall be permitted to save with the credit union but shall not be permitted to borrow therefrom.”;
- (b) in subsection (2), by inserting “ordinary” immediately before “share” and “shares”;
- (c) by repealing subsection (3) and replacing it with the following —
- “(3) A member of a credit union shall not have or claim any interest in the ordinary shares of the credit union exceeding £5,000.
- This subsection and subsection (2) are subject to section 9.”;
- (d) by repealing subsection (4) and replacing it with the following —
- “(4) The Authority may by order amend the amount in subsection (3) by prescribing a higher amount, expressed as a monetary amount or as a percentage of some monetary amount or determinable monetary amount.”;
- (e) in subsection (5), by deleting “section 21(4)” and substituting “section 29(2)”;
- (f) by repealing subsection (6) and replacing it with the following —
- “(6) The number of non-qualifying members of a credit union shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the total membership of the credit union.
- This is subject to subsection (11).”;
- (g) in subsection (8) —
- (i) by inserting “ordinary” immediately before “shares”; and
 - (ii) by deleting “, subject to section 11(3),”; and
- (h) by inserting immediately after subsection (9) the following —
- “(10) The liability of a member of a credit union in respect of any ordinary share or deferred share —

- 1 (a) upon which no advance has been made, shall be
 2 limited to the amount agreed to be paid by him
 3 under the original rules of the credit union;
- 4 (b) upon which an advance has been made, shall be
 5 limited to the amount payable thereon under —
- 6 (i) any mortgage or other security;
- 7 (ii) the agreement pursuant to which any
 8 unsecured loan was issued; or
- 9 (iii) the rules of the credit union.
- 10 (11) The Authority may by order amend —
- 11 (a) subsection (6) to increase or decrease the
 12 maximum number of permitted non-qualifying
 13 members of a credit union; or
- 14 (b) any provision of this Act prescribing matters to
 15 be provided for in the rules of a credit union.”.

16 11 Repeal and replacement of section 6

17 Section 6 is repealed and replaced with the following —

18 “6 Minimum and maximum number of members

- 19 (1) In accordance with section 1(1), the minimum number of
 20 members of a credit union is 21.
- 21 (2) The maximum number of members of a credit union shall be
 22 determined by the Authority and specified in the Rule Book.”.

23 12 Amendment of section 7

24 Section 7 is amended —

- 25 (a) by repealing subsection (1) and replacing it with the following —
- 26 “(1) All ordinary and deferred shares in a credit union shall
 27 be of £1 denomination and ordinary shares may, subject
 28 to the rules of the credit union, be subscribed for either
 29 in full or by periodical or other subscriptions but no
 30 ordinary or deferred share shall be allotted to a member
 31 until it has been fully paid in cash.”;
- 32 (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) the following —
- 33 “(1A) The Authority may by order prescribe that credit unions
 34 may issue deferred shares in addition to ordinary
 35 shares, and such an order may provide in respect of a
 36 specified credit union or group of credit unions that
 37 deferred shares may be issued subject to such conditions

as the Authority may on a case by case basis determine and impose. Where the Authority exercises its power to impose conditions on the ability to issue deferred shares, it must specify such conditions in writing to the credit union or group of credit unions on which the conditions are imposed.”;

- (c) by repealing subsection (2) and replacing it with the following –
- “(2) Ordinary shares in a credit union shall not be transferable and a credit union shall not issue to a member a certificate denoting ownership of an ordinary share.
- This subsection is subject to sections 7A and 7B.”;
- (d) by repealing subsection (3) and replacing it with the following –
- “(3) Deferred shares are transferable.”;
- (e) in subsection (4), by inserting “ordinary” immediately before “shares” in both places where it appears;
- (f) by repealing subsection (5) and replacing it with the following –
- “(5) If a withdrawal of ordinary shares would reduce a member’s paid-up shareholding in the credit union to less than his total liability (including contingent liability) to the credit union whether as borrower, guarantor or otherwise, then –
- (a) in the case of a non-qualifying member, the withdrawal shall be only in the manner prescribed by order made by the Authority after consulting with such persons as appear appropriate; or
- (b) in any other case, the withdrawal shall be permitted only at the discretion of the committee,
- and in the case of an order made under paragraph (a), the order shall not come into operation until it has been approved by Tynwald.”; and
- (g) by inserting immediately after subsection (5) the following –
- “(6) Where a credit union has made a loan to a member which is treated by virtue of section 11A(2) as a secured loan, the member shall not be permitted to withdraw shares where his paid-up holding of ordinary shares in the credit union, is, or following the withdrawal would be, less than his total liability (including contingent liability) to the credit union whether as borrower, guarantor or otherwise.
- (7) A credit union shall transfer to its reserves a sum equal to the amount paid up on deferred shares.”.

13 Insertion of new section: 7A

The following shall be inserted immediately after section 7 —

“7A Transfer in pursuance of nomination on death of nominator

- (1) This section applies despite section 7(2).
- (2) A member of a credit union who is 18 years old or older (“the nominator”) may nominate any person or persons to whom all or a portion of any property held on his behalf by the credit union are to be transferred upon the member’s death; but such nomination shall not be valid unless —
 - (a) it is in writing and signed by the nominator, and
 - (b) during the nominator’s lifetime —
 - (i) is delivered at or sent to the registered office of the credit union; or
 - (ii) is recorded at the registered office of the credit union.
- (3) The nominator may not validly nominate under this section a person who is an officer of the credit union unless such officer is his spouse, civil partner, father, mother, child, brother, sister, nephew or niece.
- (4) A nomination made under this section may be revoked or varied by a subsequent nomination or by any similar document in the nature of a revocation or variation, in either case made in the manner prescribed in subsection (2); but a nomination shall not be revocable or variable by the will of the nominator or by any codicil to the will.
- (5) The credit union shall keep a register in which it shall record —
 - (a) the names of all persons so nominated; and
 - (b) all revocations or variations (if any) or such nominations, and the property comprised in any such nomination shall be payable or transferrable to the nominee although the rules of the credit union declare the ordinary shares not to be transferrable.

7B Effect on nomination of marriage and civil partnership

- (1) The marriage of, or the formation of a civil partnership by, a member of a credit union shall operate as a revocation of any nomination made by him before such marriage or formation of such civil partnership; but, in the event of an officer of a credit union having transferred any property of a member to a nominee in ignorance of a marriage contracted, or civil partnership formed, subsequent to the date of the nomination, the receipt of the

1 nominee shall be a valid discharge to the credit union, and the
2 credit union shall be under no liability to any other person
3 claiming such property.

4 (2) The formation of a civil partnership by a member of a credit union
5 revokes any nomination made by the member before the
6 formation of the civil partnership; but if any property of that
7 member has been transferred by an officer of the credit union in
8 pursuance of the nomination in ignorance of a civil partnership
9 formed by the nominator after the date of the nomination —

10 (a) the receipt of the nominee shall be a valid discharge to the
11 credit union; and

12 (b) the credit union shall be under no liability to any other
13 person claiming the property.

14 (3) On receiving satisfactory proof of the death of a nominator, the
15 committee of the credit union shall, subject to the limitation on
16 account prescribed in section 7A, either —

17 (a) transfer the property comprised in the nomination in
18 manner directed by the nomination; or

19 (b) pay to every person entitled thereunder the full value of the
20 property given to him,

21 unless the shares comprised in the nomination, if transferred as
22 directed by the nominator, would raise the share capital of any
23 nominee to a sum exceeding the maximum for the time being
24 permitted in the case of the credit union, in which case they shall
25 pay him the value of such excess.

26 (4) Where a nominee who is nominated under the provisions of this
27 section or section 7A is under 16 years of age, the credit union
28 may pay the sum nominated —

29 (a) to either parent, or to a guardian of the nominee; or

30 (b) to any other person of full age who will undertake —

31 (i) to hold the same on trust for the nominee; or

32 (ii) to apply the same for his benefit,

33 and whom the credit union may think a fit and proper
34 person for the purpose,

35 and the receipt of such parent, guardian, or other person shall be a
36 sufficient discharge to the credit union for all moneys so paid.”.

37 14 Repeal and replacement of section 8

38 Section 8 is repealed and replaced with the following —

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“8 General prohibition on deposit taking

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(1) A credit union shall not accept a deposit from any person.

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(2) In this section “deposit” has the same meaning it has in the Regulated Activities Order 2011.

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(3) The fact that a deposit is taken in contravention of this section shall not affect any civil liability arising in respect of the deposit or the money deposited.”.

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15 Repeal and replacement of section 9

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Section 9 is repealed and replaced with the following —

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“9 Persons under the age of 18

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(1) A person under the age of 18 may be a member of a credit union unless the rules of the credit union provide otherwise.

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(2) Without limiting subsections (1) and (3), a person under the age of 18 may not borrow from a credit union.

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(3) A person under the age of 18 —

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(a) may, subject to paragraph (b), enjoy all the rights of a member of a credit union unless the rules of the credit union provide otherwise;

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(b) shall not be permitted to vote on any of the affairs of the credit union;

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(c) if aged 16 or over, may execute all instruments and give all receipts necessary to be executed or given under the rules of a credit union.

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This is subject to the rules of the credit union and the provisions of this Act.

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(4) A person under the age of 18 may not be a member of a credit union’s committee or a trustee, manager or treasurer of a credit union.”.

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16 Repeal and replacement of section 10

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Section 10 is repealed and replaced with the following —

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“10 Power to borrow and invest money

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(1) A credit union may borrow and invest money.

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(2) The Authority may specify in the Rule Book such further terms, conditions or restrictions for the borrowing and investing of money by credit unions as it considers necessary or desirable.

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- (3) The Authority may specify in the Rule Book the detailed requirements for investing money under this section.”

17 Repeal and replacement of section 11

Section 11 is repealed and replaced with the following —

“11 Loans

- (1) A credit union may make to a member who is 18 years old or older a loan for a provident or productive purpose, upon such security (or without security) and terms as the rules of the credit union may provide.

This is subject to the remainder of this section.

- (2) The maximum period within which a loan by a credit union must be repaid shall be 5 years in the case of a secured loan and 2 years in the case of an unsecured loan.

- (3) Where a loan by a credit union is made to a member and is not a secured loan within the meaning of section 11A, the terms of the loan must include provision as to whether, for the duration of the loan, the borrower is permitted to withdraw ordinary shares where his paid-up shareholding (excluding any deferred shares) in the credit union is, or following the withdrawal would be, less than his total liability (including contingent liability) to the credit union whether as borrower, guarantor or otherwise.

- (4) A credit union may charge interest on loans made by it but such interest shall be at a rate not exceeding one per cent. per month, on the amount of the loan outstanding and such interest shall be inclusive of all administrative and other expenses incurred in connection with the making of the loan.

- (5) The Authority may by order amend subsection (4) to prescribe a different rate of interest.

- (6) The total amount on loan to a member of a credit union shall not at any time be more than £5,000 in excess of his total paid-up shareholding in the credit union at that time.

In this subsection, “shareholding” refers to the holding of ordinary shares.

- (7) The Authority may by order amend —

- (a) subsection (2) and prescribe different limits for the maximum period within which a loan must be repaid; or
 (b) subsection (6) to prescribe an amount either less than or greater than £5,000.

- 1 (8) An order made under either subsection (5) or (7) —
 2 (a) shall be subject to consultation with such persons as the
 3 Authority considers appropriate; and
 4 (b) shall not come into operation until it has been approved
 5 by Tynwald.

6 **11A Loans to be treated as secured**

- 7 (1) This section applies where —
 8 (a) a credit union makes a loan to a member of the credit union;
 9 and
 10 (b) at the time the loan is made, the member's paid-up
 11 shareholding in the credit union, excluding any deferred
 12 shares, is equal to or greater than his total liability (including
 13 contingent liability) to the credit union, whether as borrower,
 14 guarantor or otherwise.
 15 (2) On the application of the member to the credit union, the loan shall
 16 be treated for the purposes of this Act as a secured loan.”

17 **18 Insertion of new section: 12A**

18 The following shall be inserted immediately after section 12 —

19 **“12A Property and funds of credit unions**

20 Any body corporate may, if its constitutional documents permit, hold
 21 shares in a credit union in its corporate name. Such shares may be
 22 either ordinary shares or deferred shares, or both.

23 **19 Repeal and replacement of section 13**

24 Section 13 is repealed and replaced with the following —

25 **“13 Special resolutions, etc**

- 26 (1) A credit union may, by a special resolution with the approval of
 27 the Department and the Authority in writing, change its name.
 28 This is subject to subsections (2) to (7).
 29 (2) The new name of a credit union shall not be identical to that of
 30 any credit union previously incorporated and still subsisting, or
 31 so nearly resembling the same as to be calculated to deceive,
 32 unless such subsisting credit union is in course of being
 33 terminated or dissolved, and consents to such incorporation.
 34 (3) Notice of a change of name under subsection (1) shall be sent to
 35 the Department and registered by it, and it shall give a certificate
 36 of the registration of such change of name.

- 1 (4) A change of name shall not affect any right or obligation of the
2 credit union, or of any member thereof, or other person, and any
3 pending legal proceedings may be continued by or against the
4 credit union, notwithstanding its change of name.
- 5 (5) At any meeting under this section a declaration by the chairman
6 that a resolution has been carried shall be deemed as conclusive
7 evidence of that fact.
- 8 (6) A copy of every special resolution for any of the purposes
9 mentioned in this section, signed by the chairman of the meeting
10 and countersigned by the secretary, shall be sent to the
11 Department and shall be registered there, and until such copy be
12 registered such special resolution shall not take effect.
- 13 (7) For the purposes of this section a “**special resolution**” is a
14 resolution which meets the following requirements and in respect
15 of which the following requirements are met, as the case may be
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- 17 (a) the resolution must have been passed by a majority of not
18 less than three-fourths of such members of a credit union
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- 20 (i) who are for the time being entitled to vote by
21 virtue of the rules of the credit union; and
- 22 (ii) who are present in person or by proxy (where the
23 rules of the credit union allow proxies) at any
24 general meeting which satisfies the requirements
25 of paragraph (b);
- 26 (b) the requirements referred to in paragraph (a)(ii) are that
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- 28 (i) notice of the general meeting must have been duly
29 given according to the rules of the credit union;
- 30 (ii) such notice must have specified the intention to
31 propose the resolution;
- 32 (iii) the resolution must have been confirmed by the
33 majority of the members —
- 34 (A) who are for the time being entitled to vote by
35 virtue of the rules of the credit union; and
- 36 (B) who are present in person or by proxy
37 (where the rules of the credit union allow
38 proxies) at a subsequent general meeting
39 which meets the requirements of paragraph
40 (c);

- 1 (c) the requirements referred to in paragraph (b)(iii)(B) are
 2 that —
 3 (i) notice of the subsequent general meeting must
 4 have been given; and
 5 (ii) the subsequent general meeting must have been
 6 held not less than 14 days, nor more than one
 7 month, from the day of the meeting at which the
 8 resolution was passed.”.

9 **20 Repeal and replacement of section 14**

10 Section 14 is repealed and replaced with the following —

11 **“14 Financial statements, dividends and general reserve**

- 12 (1) Every credit union shall —
 13 (a) submit to the Authority and to the Department annual
 14 financial statements; and
 15 (b) maintain a general reserve.
 16 (2) A credit union may pay a dividend to its members.
 17 (3) This section is subject to such detailed requirements as shall be
 18 prescribed in the Rule Book.”.

19 **21 Repeal of section 15 and substitution of preceding cross-heading**

- 20 (1) Section 15 is repealed.
 21 (2) Immediately before section 15, the cross-heading “*Insurance and other*
 22 *arrangements*” shall be deleted and “*Other arrangements*” substituted.

23 **22 Repeal and replacement of section 16**

24 Section 16 is repealed and replaced with the following —

25 **“16 Savings compensation scheme**

- 26 (1) The Treasury may make regulations establishing a scheme for
 27 compensating savers in credit unions in cases where credit unions
 28 are unable or likely to be unable to satisfy claims in respect of any
 29 description of civil liability incurred by them in connection with
 30 their business, and such regulations —
 31 (a) shall be subject to consultation with the Authority and any
 32 other person the Treasury may consider appropriate; and
 33 (b) shall not come into operation until they have been
 34 approved by Tynwald.

- 1 (2) The provisions of subsections (2) and (3) of section 25 of the
2 *Financial Services Act 2008* shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to
3 regulations under subsection (1).
- 4 (3) If at the material time no regulations made under subsection (1)
5 are in operation, the Authority shall not approve an application
6 for incorporation as a credit union unless the Authority is satisfied
7 that on incorporation there will be in force in relation to the credit
8 union arrangements which are approved for the purpose by the
9 Authority.
- 10 (4) A credit union shall at all times maintain in force such
11 arrangements as are referred to in subsection (3), and if it fails to
12 do so it commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction
13 to a fine not exceeding £5,000.
- 14 (5) The Authority may make regulations prescribing the
15 circumstances in which a credit union becomes insolvent, and
16 such circumstance shall be subject to section 20.
- 17 (6) Regulations made under subsection (5) shall be subject to
18 consultation with such persons as the Authority considers
19 appropriate and shall not come into operation until they have
20 been approved by Tynwald.”

21 **23 Repeal and replacement of section 17 and deletion of preceding cross-**
22 **heading**

- 23 (1) Section 17 is repealed and replaced with the following —

24 **“17 Inspection of affairs by order of court**

25 With respect to the inspection of the affairs of credit unions, the
26 following provisions shall have effect —

- 27 (a) upon the application, by petition of the Authority or of one-fifth
28 of the whole number of members of a credit union, the court may
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- 30 (i) appoint one or more inspectors to examine the affairs of
31 the credit union, and to report thereon, and the inspector
32 or inspectors may require the production of all or any of
33 the books and documents of the credit union, and may
34 examine on oath its officers and members, in relation to its
35 business, and may administer such oath; or
- 36 (ii) call a special meeting of the credit union in such manner
37 and at such time and place as the court may direct, and the
38 court may direct what matters shall be discussed and
39 determined on at such meeting, which shall have all the
40 powers of a meeting called according to the rules of the

credit union, and shall in all cases have power to appoint its own chairman, any rule of the credit union to the contrary notwithstanding;

- (b) the application in the section mentioned shall be supported by such evidence as the court shall require for the purpose of showing that the applicants have good reason for requiring such inspection to be made, or meeting to be called, and that they are not actuated by malicious motives in their application, and such notice thereof shall be given to the credit union as the court shall direct;
- (c) the court may, if it thinks fit, require the applicant to give security for the costs of the proposed inspection or meeting before appointing any inspection, or calling such meeting;
- (d) all expenses of, and incidental to, any such inspection or meeting, shall be defrayed either by the applicants or out of the funds of the credit union, as the court shall direct; and
- (e) the inspectors shall provide a copy of any report produced under paragraph (1)(a) to the Authority.”.

- (2) Immediately before section 17, the cross-heading “*Powers of the Authority*” shall be deleted.

24 Amendment of section 18 and insertion of preceding cross-heading

- (1) Section 18 is amended in subsection (1) by deleting “section 22 of the 1892 Act (appointment of inspector or calling of special meeting by court),” and substituting “section 17 and the relevant provisions of the *Financial Services Act 2008*,”.
- (2) Immediately before section 18, the cross-heading “*Powers, duties, obligations and privileges*” shall be inserted.

25 Repeal and replacement of section 19

Section 19 is repealed and replaced with the following —

“19 Duties and obligations of credit unions

- (1) Every credit union shall —
- (a) have its registered office in the Isle of Man, to which all communications and notices may be addressed, and send to the Department notice, in writing, of the situation of such office, and of every change therein;
- (b) ensure compliance with the following requirements set out in subsections (2) and (3).

1 (2) In addition to complying with subsection (1), every credit union
2 shall ensure that —

3 (a) the Secretary or other officer of each credit union
4 prepares, once in every year at least, —

5 (i) an account of all receipts and expenditure of the
6 credit union since the preceding statement; and

7 (ii) a general statement of its funds and effects,
8 liabilities and assets, showing the amounts due to
9 the holders of the various classes of shares
10 respectively, to members and creditors for loans, if
11 any, and also the balance due or outstanding on
12 their mortgage securities (not including prospective
13 interest);

14 (b) every such account and statement is submitted for audit
15 to an auditor who is qualified under sections 14 to 14D of
16 the *Companies Act 1982* and who shall —

17 (i) have access to all the books and accounts of the
18 credit union;

19 (ii) examine the general statement of the receipts and
20 expenditure, funds and effects of the credit union,
21 and verify the same with the accounts and
22 vouchers relating thereto; and

23 (iii) either sign the same as found by them to be
24 correct, duly vouched, and in accordance with
25 law, or specially report to the credit union in what
26 respects they find it incorrect, unvouched, or not
27 in accordance with law.

28 (3) Every member and creditor for loans shall be entitled to receive
29 from the credit union a copy of such account statement.

30 **19A Additional duties and obligations of credit unions**

31 Every credit union shall —

32 (a) once in every year before the 1st of June, send to the Department
33 a general statement (to be called the annual return) of receipts
34 and expenditure, funds and effects of the credit union as audited,
35 which shall —

36 (i) show separately the expenditure in respect of the several
37 objects of the credit union;

38 (ii) be made out to the 31st of December or such other date as
39 the Department may in writing permit; and

40 (iii) state whether the audit has been conducted by an auditor
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19B Offences in respect of information

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persons other than such an auditor shall state the name, address, and calling or profession of each such person, and the manner in which, and the authority under which, he is appointed;

- (b) allow any member or person having an interest in the funds of the credit union to inspect the names of the members, at all reasonable hours, at the registered office of the credit union, or at any place where the same are kept; subject to such stipulations as to the time and manner of such inspection as may be made from time to time by the general meetings of the credit union, except that no such member or person, unless he be an officer of the credit union, or be specially authorised by a resolution thereof, shall have the right to inspect an account of any other member without the written consent of such member; and
- (c) supply gratuitously to every member or person interested in the funds of the credit union, on his application, a copy of the last annual return of the credit union for the time being.

It shall be an offence if a credit union —

- (a) fails to give any notice, send any return or document, or does or allows to be done any act or thing which the credit union is by this Act required to give, send, do, or allow to be done;
- (b) wilfully neglects or refuses to do any act or to furnish any information required for the purposes of this Act by the Department, or other person authorised under this Act, or does any act or thing forbidden by this Act; or
- (c) wilfully furnishes information, that is in any respect false or insufficient,

and the credit union, upon summary conviction for any such offence, is liable to a fine not exceeding £5,000.

19C Form and depositing of documents

- (1) Each return and other document required for the purposes of this Act shall be made in such form, and shall contain such particulars, as the Department, or the Authority as appropriate, shall prescribe.
- (2) All documents by sections 19 and 19A required to be sent to the Department shall be deposited with the rules of the

credit unions to which the same respectively relate, and shall be registered or recorded by the Department, with such observations thereon, if any, as the Department shall direct.

19D Privileges of credit unions

(1) The incorporation of a credit union shall render it a body corporate by the name described in the certificate of incorporation, by which it may sue and be sued, with perpetual succession, and with limited liability; and shall vest in the credit union all property for the time being vested in any person in trust for the credit union.

(2) The rules of the credit union shall bind the credit union and all members thereof, and all persons claiming through them respectively, to the same extent as if each member had subscribed his name thereto, and there were contained in such rules a covenant on the part of himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators, to conform thereto, subject to the provisions of this Act.

This subsection is subject to subsection (3).

(3) All moneys payable by a member to the credit union shall be a debt due from such member to the credit union, and shall be recoverable as such.

(4) Two or more persons may jointly hold a share or shares (whether ordinary or deferred) in a credit union, and all shares held jointly by any two or more persons in any credit union subsisting at the time of the promulgation of this Act, the rules of which do not prohibit such joint holding, shall be deemed to be lawfully so held.

This subsection is subject to section 5(2).

(5) Any register or list of members or shares (whether ordinary or deferred, or both) kept by any credit union shall be *prima facie* evidence of any of the following particulars entered therein —

(a) the names and addresses of the members, the number of shares held by them respectively, the numbers of such shares, if they are distinguished by numbers, and the amount paid or agreed to be considered as paid on any such shares;

(b) the date at which the name of any person, company, or credit union was entered in such register or list as a member; and

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- (c) the date at which any such person, company, or credit union ceased to be a member.
- (6) Contracts on behalf of the credit union may be made, varied or discharged, as follows —
- (a) any contract which if made between private persons would be by law required to be by deed, may be made on behalf of the credit union in writing, signed by two members of the committee, and countersigned by the secretary, and may in the same manner be varied or discharged;
- (b) any contract which if made between private persons would be by law required to be in writing, signed by the persons to be charged therewith, may be made on behalf of the credit union in writing by any person acting under the express or implied authority of the credit union, and may in the same manner be varied and discharged;
- (c) a signature purporting to be made by a person holding any office in the credit union attached to a writing whereby any contract purports to be made, varied or discharged by or on behalf of the credit union, shall *prima facie* be taken to be the signature of a person holding, at the time when the signature was made, the office so stated,
- and all contracts which may be, or have been made, varied, or discharged according to the provisions herein contained, shall, so far as concerns the form thereof, be effectual in law and binding on the credit union and all other parties thereto, their heirs, executors, or administrators, as the case may be.

31 **19E Power to charge for ancillary services**

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- (1) A credit union which provides an ancillary service to a member may charge such fee as it considers appropriate for providing that service.
- (2) In this section, “**ancillary service**” means any service which is ancillary to the activity of accepting savings or making a loan, and includes —
- (a) the making or receiving of payments, made by way of standing order, direct debit or any other means, as agent for a member or any other person from whom the credit union has accepted savings;

- 1 (b) issuing and administering means of payment (for example,
2 chequebooks and debit cards);
3 (c) money transmission services; and
4 (d) giving advice on the services specified in paragraphs (a) to
5 (c).”.

6 **26 Repeal and replacement of section 20**

- 7 (1) Section 20 is repealed and replaced with the following —

8 **“20 Winding up and dissolution of credit unions**

- 9 (1) A credit union may terminate or be dissolved —

- 10 (a) upon the happening of any event declared by its rules to be
11 the termination of the credit union;
12 (b) by dissolution in manner prescribed by its rules;
13 (c) by dissolution with the consent of three-fourths of the
14 members, holding not less than two-thirds of the ordinary
15 shares in the credit union, testified by their signatures to the
16 instrument of dissolution;
17 (d) by winding-up (under the provisions of the Companies Acts,
18 in like manner, as nearly as may be, as if the credit union
19 were a company under such Acts) —
20 (i) voluntarily under the supervision of the court;
21 (ii) by the court, if the court shall so order, on the
22 petition of any member authorised by three-fourths
23 of the members present at a general meeting of the
24 credit union specifically called for the purpose to
25 present the same on behalf of the credit union; or
26 (iii) on the petition of the Authority or of any creditor.

- 27 (2) The instrument of dissolution shall set forth —

- 28 (a) the liabilities and assets of the credit union in detail;
29 (b) the number of members, and the amount standing to their
30 credit in the books of the credit union; or the nature of their
31 interests in the credit union respectively;
32 (c) the claims of members and other creditors, and the
33 provision to be made for their payment;
34 (d) the intended appropriation of division of funds and
35 property of the credit union;
36 (e) the names of one or more persons to be appointed trustees
37 for the special purpose, and their remuneration,

- 1 and alterations in the instrument of dissolution may be made
2 with the like consent, testified in the same manner.
- 3 (3) The instrument of dissolution and all alterations therein shall be
4 registered in the manner provided for the registration of rules,
5 and shall be binding upon all members of the credit union.
- 6 (4) Where a credit union is wound-up the liability of a present or past
7 member of the credit union to contribute for payment of the debts
8 and liabilities of the credit union, the expenses of winding-up, and
9 the adjustment of the rights of contributories amongst themselves,
10 shall be qualified as follows –
- 11 (a) no individual, credit union, or company who or which
12 has ceased to be a member for one year or upwards prior
13 to the commencement of the winding-up, shall be liable to
14 contribute;
- 15 (b) no individual, credit union, or company shall be liable to
16 contribute in respect of any debt or liability contracted
17 after he or it ceases to be a member;
- 18 (c) no individual, credit union, or company not a member
19 shall be liable to contribute, unless it appears to the court
20 that the contributions of the existing members are
21 insufficient to satisfy the just demands on the credit
22 union;
- 23 (d) no contribution shall be required from any individual,
24 credit union, or company exceeding the amount (if any)
25 unpaid on the shares in respect of which he or it is liable
26 as a past or present member;
- 27 (e) an individual, credit union, or company shall be taken to
28 have ceased to be a member, in respect of any
29 withdrawable share withdrawn, from the date of the
30 notice or application for withdrawal.
- 31 (5) Without prejudice to subsection (3), a petition for the winding-up
32 of a credit union may be presented to the court by the Authority if
33 it appears to it that –
- 34 (a) there has been, in relation to that credit union, a failure to
35 comply with any provision of, or of any direction given
36 under, the *Financial Services Act 2008*; or
- 37 (b) there is no longer a common bond between members of
38 the credit union,
- 39 or in any other case where it appears to the Authority that the
40 winding up of the credit union is in the public interest or is just
41 and equitable having regard to the interests of all the members of
42 the credit union.”

- (2) Immediately before section 20, the cross-heading “*Winding up and dissolution*” shall be inserted.

27 Insertion of new section: 20A

The following shall be inserted immediately after section 20 —

“20A Power to make orders as to the disposal of valueless documents

- (1) Where a credit union has been dissolved under this Act the Department, after consultation with the Authority and the Chief Registrar, may at any time after the expiration of 12 years (or 2 years where subsection (2) applies) from the date of dissolution, order the disposal, by destruction or otherwise, of documents relating to that credit union which are in the office for the registration of companies, the Public Record Office or any repository referred to in section 1(5) of the *Public Records Act 1999* and which are not of sufficient public value to justify their preservation.
- (2) The Department may make an order under subsection (1) at any time after the expiration of 2 years from such dissolution if it is satisfied that it has in its custody a copy of any document disposed of under that subsection.
- (3) A copy of any document to which subsection (2) applies shall for the purposes of this Act, be treated as if it were the original document and if the copy is not kept in a legible form, any duty of the Department to allow inspection of, or to furnish a copy of, the document or any part of it is to be treated as a duty to allow inspection of, or to furnish a reproduction of the copy or of the relevant part of it in legible form.”

28 Repeal and replacement of section 21

Section 21 is repealed and replaced with the following —

“21 Amalgamations and transfers of engagements

- (1) A credit union may —
 - (a) amalgamate with another credit union; or
 - (b) transfer its engagements to, or accept a transfer of engagements from, another credit union,but any such amalgamation or transfer shall not take effect unless the Department, having received the Authority’s written agreement to the amalgamation or transfer, registers it.

- 1 (2) A credit union shall not amalgamate with or transfer its
2 engagements to or accept a transfer of engagements from any
3 body corporate that is not a credit union.”.

4 **29 Repeal and replacement of section 22**

5 Section 22 is repealed and replaced with the following —

6 **“22 No conversion of credit union into company**

7 | The conversion of a credit union into a company is strictly prohibited.”.

8 **30 Repeal and replacement of section 23**

9 Section 23 is repealed and replaced with the following —

10 **“23 Conversion of company into credit union prohibited**

11 | The conversion of a company into a credit union is strictly prohibited.”.

12 **31 Amendment of section 24**

13 Section 24 is amended —

- 14 (a) by deleting the heading and substituting “**Accounts**”;
- 15 (b) in subsection (1), by deleting “, but only at that office,” and
16 substituting “and on its website”; and
- 17 (c) in subsection (2) by deleting “Section 16(1)(c) and (g) of the 1892
18 Act (audit etc.)” and substituting “Section 19(1)(b)”.

19 **32 Repeal of section 25**

20 Section 25 is repealed.

21 **33 Amendment of section 26**

22 Section 26 is amended by inserting “, this Act or the *Financial Services Act 2008*”
23 immediately after “rules”.

24 **34 Repeal and replacement of section 27**

25 Section 27 is repealed and replaced with the following —

26 **“27 Offences**

- 27 (1) Where an offence under this Act which has been committed by a
28 body corporate other than a credit union is proved to have been
29 committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable
30 to any neglect on the part of, any director, manager, secretary or

similar officer of the body corporate, or any person who was purporting to act in any such capacity, he as well as the body corporate commits that offence and shall be liable to be prosecuted and, if convicted, punished accordingly.

- (2) In any proceedings for an offence under this Act it shall be a defence for the person charged to prove that he took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of such an offence by himself or any person under his control.”

35 Insertion of new sections: 27A to 27F

The following sections shall be inserted immediately after section 27 —

“27A Commencing business before incorporation and failure to make returns, etc

(1) If —

- (a) any persons representing themselves to be a credit union commence business without first obtaining a certificate of incorporation as a credit union;
- (b) any credit union —
 - (i) defaults in forwarding to the Department any returns or information required by this Act; or
 - (ii) submits a return that in any respect contains deliberately misleading or deliberately inaccurate information,

the persons commit, or the credit union commits, an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £2,500.

- (2) If any credit union issues shares (whether ordinary or deferred, or both) in excess of the limits prescribed in this Act, the members of the committee of management of such credit union shall be personally liable for the amount so received in excess.

27B Penalties for falsification

A person who wilfully makes, orders or allows to be made any entry, erasure, in or omission from —

- (a) any balance-sheet of a credit union;
- (b) any record of members’ shares (whether ordinary or deferred, or both) and borrowing; or
- (c) any return or document,

required to be sent, produced, or delivered for the purposes of this Act, with intent to falsify the same, or to evade any of the provisions of this

1 | Act, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not
2 | exceeding £2,500.

3 | **27C Not using name of credit union**

4 | If any officer of the credit union, or any person on its behalf —
5 | (a) issues or authorises the issue of any notice, advertisement, or
6 | other official publication of the credit union;
7 | (b) signs or authorises to be signed on behalf of the credit union any
8 | bill of exchange, promissory note, endorsement, cheque, order for
9 | money or goods; or
10 | (c) issues or authorises to be issued any bills or parcels, invoice,
11 | receipt, or letters of credit of the credit union,
12 | in which the credit union's name is not mentioned, the officer or person
13 | shall be liable to a penalty of £1,000, and shall further be personally
14 | liable to the holder of any such bill of exchange, promissory note,
15 | cheque, or order for money or goods for the amount thereof unless the
16 | same is duly paid by the credit union.

17 | **27D Recovery of penalties**

18 | The penalties imposed or to be imposed —
19 | (a) by this Act; or
20 | (b) by any regulations made hereunder,
21 | shall be recoverable in a court of summary jurisdiction at the suit of the
22 | Department, the Authority or the Treasury, as may be appropriate.

23 | **27E Penalties against officers**

24 | Every credit union officer or member of a credit union, or other person
25 | convicted of an offence under this Act for which no penalty is expressly
26 | provided herein shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £2,500.

27 | **27F Determination of disputes**

28 | (1) The rules of a credit union may direct disputes to be determined
29 | by —
30 | (a) a form of alternative dispute resolution agreed by the
31 | parties; or
32 | (b) the Department, if the parties agree thereto.
33 | Subsection (3), by virtue of paragraph (a) thereof, applies to any
34 | form of alternative dispute resolution agreed by the parties in
35 | accordance with paragraph (a).

- 1 | (2) Where —
- 2 | (a) the parties to any dispute arising in a credit union agree to
- 3 | refer the dispute to the Department; or
- 4 | (b) the rules of the credit union direct disputes to be referred to
- 5 | the Department,
- 6 | the award of the Department shall have effect in accordance with
- 7 | subsection (3).
- 8 | (3) Where either of the parties to the dispute refuses or neglects to
- 9 | comply with or conform to an award resulting from —
- 10 | (a) the use, in accordance with subsection (1)(a), of a form of
- 11 | alternative dispute resolution; or
- 12 | (b) an award of the Department under subsection (2),
- 13 | the court shall enforce compliance with the award upon the
- 14 | petition of any party concerned, such petition to be heard
- 15 | summarily.
- 16 | This subsection is subject to subsection (4) and only applies
- 17 | where the deadline for compliance with or conformity to the
- 18 | award (set out therein) has passed.
- 19 | (4) The court shall not act in accordance with subsection (3) unless
- 20 | good and sufficient proof has been adduced —
- 21 | (a) of an award having been made; and
- 22 | (b) of the refusal of the party to comply therewith.
- 23 | (5) The court may hear and determine a dispute in the following
- 24 | cases —
- 25 | (a) if it appears to the court, upon the petition of any person
- 26 | concerned, that application has been made by either party to
- 27 | the dispute to the other party, for the purpose of having the
- 28 | dispute settled by arbitration under the rules of the credit
- 29 | union, and that such application has not within 40 days been
- 30 | complied with; or
- 31 | (b) where the rules of the credit union direct disputes to be
- 32 | referred to the court or to justices.
- 33 | (6) Every determination by arbitrators or by the court under this Act
- 34 | of a dispute —
- 35 | (a) shall be binding and conclusive on all parties;
- 36 | (b) shall be final to all intents and purposes;
- 37 | (c) shall not be subject to appeal; and
- 38 | (d) shall not be removed or removable into, or restrained or
- 39 | restrainable by the injunction of any court.

- 1 This subsection is subject to subsection (7).
- 2 (7) Despite subsection (6), the arbitrators or the court, as the case may
3 be —
- 4 (a) may, at the request of either party, state a case for the
5 opinion of the Staff of Government Division of the High
6 Court of Justice on any question of law; and
- 7 (b) shall have power to grant to either party to the dispute
8 such discovery, as to documents and otherwise, as might
9 now be granted by any court, such discovery to be made on
10 behalf of the credit union by such officer of the credit union
11 as the arbitrators or court may determine.”.

12 36 Repeal and replacement of section 28

13 Section 28 is repealed and replaced with the following —

14 “28 Additional provisions with respect to secondary legislation

- 15 (1) The Department may make regulations concerning any of the
16 following matters —
- 17 (a) the fees to be paid to the Department for matters to be
18 transacted, or for the inspection of documents under this
19 Act;
- 20 (b) the maximum sum payable under section 4A(1);
- 21 (c) the maximum fee that a credit union may charge for
22 supplying a copy of its rules; and
- 23 (d) incorporation of a credit union under this Act and any
24 matters incidental thereto.
- 25 (2) Regulations under subsection (1) shall not be made under
26 paragraph (a) except with the concurrence of the Treasury and the
27 Authority.
- 28 (3) Before making any order, regulations or the Rule Book, the
29 Authority shall consult —
- 30 (a) the Treasury;
- 31 (b) such persons or bodies as appear to be representative of
32 interests likely to be affected; and
- 33 (c) such other persons or bodies as the Authority may
34 determine.
- 35 (4) The following shall not have effect unless they are approved by
36 Tynwald —
- 37 (a) regulations under subsection (1);

(b) orders made by the Authority under this Act (except an order under section 30(3)); and

(c) any other public document made by the Department.

(5) Any form that the Department or the Treasury may or is required to prescribe under this Act must be made available on the website of the Department or the Treasury, as the case may be.

(6) The Authority may specify on its website any form it requires a credit union to submit.”.

37 Amendment of section 29

Section 29 is amended —

(a) in subsection (1) —

(i) by inserting in the appropriate alphabetical position the following —

“**amend**” includes alter or rescind;”

“**committee**” means the committee of management, or other directing body of a credit union;”

“**the Court**” means the Civil Division of the High Court of Justice;”

“**the Companies Acts**” means the Companies Acts 1931 to 2004 and the *Companies Act 2006*;”

“**Department**” means the Department of Economic Development;”

“**employee**” includes an unpaid volunteer;”

“**meeting**” includes (where the rules so allow) a meeting of delegates appointed by the members of a credit union;”

“**land**” includes hereditaments;”

“**officer**” has the meaning assigned by section 1(2) (disqualification orders: introduction) of the *Company Officers (Disqualification) Act 2009*;”

“**ordinary shares**” means shares other than deferred shares;

“**persons claiming through a member**” include the heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns of a member, and also his nominees where nomination is allowed;”

“**property**” means all real and personal estate (including books and papers);”

“**Rule Book**” has the meaning given by section 18 of the *Financial Services Act 2008*, and includes any

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conditions imposed on a credit union's licence under section 7 or 8 of that Act;"

“**rules**” means the rules of a credit union for the time being in force; and “amendment of a rule” includes a new rule, and a resolution or rule rescinding a rule;”;

“**specify**” includes power to specify by non-legislative means;” and

(ii) by deleting the definitions of “**authorised bank**”, “**credit union**” and “**the Societies Acts**”; and

(b) by repealing subsection (2) and replacing it with the following —

“(2) In this Act, “**non-qualifying member**” —

(a) in relation to a credit union, means a person who remains a member of the credit union by virtue of section 5(5); and

(b) in relation to an amalgamated credit union or a credit union which has accepted a transfer of engagements, includes a person who does not fulfil the qualifications for admission to membership of that credit union but became a member of it by virtue of the amalgamation or transfer of engagements, having been immediately before the amalgamation or transfer a non-qualifying member of one of the amalgamating credit unions or, as the case may be, the credit union from which the transfer of engagements was made.

(3) In this Act, references to “**deferred shares**” are to a class of shares where —

(a) the rights and obligations of the credit union and the member in respect of those shares are set out in a single document, or in a series of documents (“the issue documents”);

(b) the issue documents is provided to every applicant for the shares;

(c) the issue documents contains a prominent statement to the effect that the shares are deferred shares for the purposes of this Act;

(d) the issue documents contains a prominent statement stating that the deferred shares are not covered by any compensation scheme;

(e) any document evidencing title to the shares contains the statements required by paragraphs (c) and (d);

(f) the issue documents contains a term which prohibits the repayment of any principal to the shareholder except in Case A or Case B

(4) Case A, as referred to in subsection (3)(f), is the winding up or dissolution of the credit union in circumstances where all sums due from the credit union to creditors claiming in the winding up or dissolution are paid in full.

(5) Case B, as referred to in subsection (3)(f), is where —

(a) the credit union applies to the Authority for consent to repay principal to the shareholder;

(b) the credit union so applies otherwise than in consequence of a provision in any of the issue documents which requires it to apply, grants it any benefit for applying or imposes a sanction against failure to apply; and

(c) the Authority grants consent.

(6) “**Creditors**” in subsection (4) includes members holding ordinary shares in the credit union, as regards the principal of those shares and any interest or dividend due on them.”.

38 Amendment of section 30

Section 30 is amended by repealing subsection (2).

39 Repeal and replacement of Schedule 1

Schedule 1 is repealed and replaced with the following —

“Schedule

MATTERS TO BE PROVIDED FOR IN RULES OF CREDIT UNION

Section 4(1)

1. The name of the credit union.
2. The objects of the credit union.
3. The place in the Island which is to be the registered office of the credit union to which all communications and notices to the credit union may be addressed.

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4. The qualifications for, and the terms of, admission to membership of the credit union, including any special provision for the insurance of members in relation to their ordinary shares.
 5. The mode of holding meetings, including provision as to the quorum necessary for the transaction of any description of business, and the mode of making, altering or rescinding rules.
 6. The appointment and removal of a committee, by whatever name, and of managers or other officers and their respective powers and remuneration.
 7. Determination (subject to section 5(3)) of the maximum amount of interest in the shares of the credit union which may be held by any member.
 8. Provision for the mode of withdrawal of shares and for payment of the balance due thereon on withdrawing from the credit union.
 9. The mode and circumstances in which loans to members are to be made and repaid, including any special provision for the insurance of members in relation to loans made to them.
 10. Provision for the audit of accounts by one or more auditors appointed by the credit union, subject to the requirements that —
 - (a) accounts must be in accordance with section 3A of the *Companies Act 1982*; and
 - (b) auditors must be qualified in accordance with sections 14 to 14F of that Act.
 11. Provision for the withdrawal of members from the credit union and for the claims of the representatives of deceased members or the trustees of the property of bankrupt members, and for the payment of nominees.
 12. Provision for terminating the membership of members in order to comply with —
 - (a) the limit on the number of members of a credit union for the time being provided for in accordance with section 6; and
 - (b) the limit provided for in section 5(6) on the number of non-qualifying members of a credit union,and for the repayment of the shares held by, and of any loans made to, a member whose membership is terminated for such a purpose.
 13. Provision for the dissolution of the credit union, including provision requiring any assets remaining after the payment of debts, repayment of share capital and discharge of other liabilities —
 - (a) to be transferred to another credit union; or
 - (b) if not so transferred, to be applied for charitable purposes.”.

1 **40 Repeal of Schedule 2**

2 Schedule 2 is repealed.

3 **41 Consequential amendments**

4 The *Company and Business Names Etc Act 2012* is amended as follows —

5 (a) in section 3(1), in the definition of “appropriate name approval
6 authority”, delete “and (g),” and substitute “, (g) and (i),”;

7 (b) in section 4(1) —

8 (i) delete the full stop at the end of paragraph (h) and
9 substitute “; and”; and

10 (ii) insert the following immediately after paragraph (h) —

11 “(i) a credit union incorporated under the *Credit*
12 *Unions Act 1993.*”; and

13 (c) in section 5(2) —

14 (i) delete the full stop at the end of paragraph (h) and
15 substitute “; and”; and

16 (ii) insert the following immediately after paragraph (h) —

17 “(i) an application to incorporate a credit union under
18 section 1 of the *Credit Unions Act 1993.*”.

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CREDIT UNIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2017

A **BILL** to amend the Credit Unions Act 1993 to impose a requirement for credit unions to be licensed by the Isle of Man Financial Services Authority; to make comprehensive and self-sufficient provision for the registration of credit unions; to break the reliance on the Industrial and Building Societies Acts 1892 to 1986; to subject credit unions to the requirements of the Financial Services Act 2008; and for connected purposes.

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