

CHAPTER 11

ADMINISTRATION OF THE CO-OPERATIVES ACT

REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVES

The Minister of Trade and Industry appoints the Registrar of Co-operatives, who is the key government official in for the administration of the Co-operatives Act. The Minister can also appoint as many people as necessary to serve as deputy registrars, who can help the Registrar. The Minister may also ask other personnel in the Department of Trade and Industry to help.

Section 78

OFFICIAL SEAL

The Minister of Trade and Industry will arrange a seal of office for the Registrar of Co-operatives. The Registrar will place this seal on registration certificates and other official documents to show that they are genuine.

Section 79

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE REGISTRAR

When co-operatives must submit documents to the Registrar, they must use the forms published in the regulations issued in terms of the Co-operatives Act.

Anyone may ask the Registrar to see documents submitted by co-operatives in terms of the Co-operatives Act, except for reports about transactions between the co-operative and its members. There may be a small fee for examining the documents or making copies of them.

Sections 81-82

INVESTIGATIONS BY REGISTRAR

The Registrar of Co-operatives can order an investigation of a co-operative, or an inspection of its business, whenever the Registrar has reason to think that the co-operative is not following the Co-operatives Act or the co-operative principles. The Registrar can then make

appropriate recommendations to the co-operative, the Minister of Trade and Industry or the state prosecutor.

Section 84

APPEALS

Anyone who is unhappy with a decision of the Registrar of Co-operatives can appeal to the Minister of Trade and Industry within 30 days of receiving the Registrar's decision.

Section 93