

**AGRICULTURAL CENTRAL TRADING LIMITED
PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES**

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

PART 1

INTERPRETATION, LIMITATION OF LIABILITY AND PURPOSE

1. Defined terms

1.1. In the articles, unless the context requires otherwise:

Defined Term	Definition
"Articles"	means the Company's articles of association;
"bankruptcy"	includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy;
"Board"	means the board of Directors for the time being;
"Chair"	has the meaning given in article 14;
"Chair of the meeting"	has the meaning given in article 41;
"Companies Acts"	means the Companies Acts (as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006), in so far as they apply to the Company;
"the Company"	means Agricultural Central Trading Limited, a registered company with company number: 0713606;
"Co-operative Principles"	are the principles defined in the International Co-operative Alliance Statement of Co-operative Identity. The principles are those of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• voluntary and open membership• democratic member control• member economic participation• autonomy and independence• education, training and information• co-operation among co-operatives and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • concern for the community.
“Director”	means a Director of the Company, and includes any person occupying the position of Director, by whatever name called;
“distribution recipient”	has the meaning given in article 33;
“document”	includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form;
“Electronic Form”	has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006;
“Eligible Director”	means a Director who would be entitled to vote on the matter at a meeting of Directors (but excluding any Director whose vote is not to be counted in respect of the particular matter);
“fully paid”	in relation to a share, means that the nominal value and any premium to be paid to the Company in respect of that share have been paid to the Company;
“Hard Copy Form”	has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006;
“holder”	in relation to shares means the person whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the Shares;
“instrument”	means a document in hard copy form;
“Member”	means a member of the Company for the time being;
“ordinary resolution”	has the meaning given in section 282 of the Companies Act 2006;
“paid”	means paid or credited as paid;
“participate”	in relation to a Directors’ meeting, has the meaning given in article 12;
“proxy notice”	has the meaning given in article 47;
“Shareholder”	means a person who is the holder of a share;
“Shares”	means shares in the Company;
“special resolution”	has the meaning given in section 283 of the Companies Act 2006;
“subsidiary”	has the meaning given in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006;
“Transmittee”	means a person entitled to a share by reason of the

death or bankruptcy of a Shareholder or otherwise by operation of law; and

“writing” means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

Unless the context otherwise requires, other words or expressions contained in these Articles bear the same meaning as in the Companies Act 2006 as in force on the date when these Articles become binding on the Company. Schedule 1 to the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 shall not apply to the Company.

2. Liability of members

2.1. The liability of the members is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares held by them.

3. Purpose

3.1. The purpose of the Company (for the purposes of section 172(2) of the Act) is to:

- 3.1.1. promote the interests of its Members by providing products and services to support them;
- 3.1.2. carry out its function as a Co-operative and to abide by the Co-operative Principles.

3.2. This article is entrenched under section 22 of the Act and can only be changed by a majority of all the Members for the time being voting in favour of a special resolution.

4. Offer of Shares and Debentures

4.1. The Company is a private company and accordingly shall not offer to the public any Shares or Debentures of the Company nor shall it allot or agree to allot such Shares or Debentures with a view to there being offered for sale to the public.

PART 2
DIRECTORS
DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5. Directors' general authority

- 5.1. Subject to the Articles, the Directors are responsible for the management of the Company's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the Company.

6. Members' reserve power

- 6.1. The Members may, by special resolution, direct the Directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action.
- 6.2. No such special resolution invalidates anything which the Directors have done before the passing of the resolution.
- 6.3. Except with the prior consent of the majority of the Members by the passing of a resolution (either by way of written resolution or at a general meeting of the Company) and except to the extent specified in that resolution, the Directors shall not exercise the powers of the Company to sell or otherwise dispose of the whole or any substantial part of the undertaking of the Company, which (for the avoidance of doubt) shall include a sale of the assets and/or a sale of the Shares of the Company amounting, in either case, to one third or more of the total value of the Company by reference to the Company's annual turnover. This shall not include the disposal of assets by the Company in the normal course of business.
- 6.4. A certificate signed by the Chair for the time being of the Board of Directors confirming that such a resolution has been passed shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that such consent has been duly given in accordance with the terms of the certificate.

7. Directors may delegate

- 7.1. Subject to the Articles, the Directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the Articles:
- 7.1.1. to such person or committee;
 - 7.1.2. by such means (including by power of attorney);
 - 7.1.3. to such an extent;
 - 7.1.4. in relation to such matters or territories; and

- 7.1.5. on such terms and conditions; as they think fit.
- 7.2. If the Directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the Directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated.
- 7.3. The Directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions.

8. Committees

- 8.1. Committees to which the Directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the Articles which govern the taking of decisions by Directors.
- 8.2. Subject to these Articles, the Directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees.

DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS

9. Directors to take decisions collectively

- 9.1. The general rule about decision-making by Directors is that any decision of the Directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with article 10.
- 9.2. If:
 - 9.2.1. the Company only has one Director, and
 - 9.2.2. no provision of the Articles requires it to have more than one Director, the general rule does not apply, and the Director may take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of the Articles relating to Directors' decision-making.

10. Unanimous decisions

- 10.1. A decision of the Directors is taken in accordance with this article when all eligible Directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter.
- 10.2. Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing, copies of which have been signed by each eligible Director or to which each eligible Director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing.
- 10.3. References in this article to eligible Directors are to Directors who would have been entitled to vote on the matter had it been proposed as a resolution at a Directors' meeting.

10.4. A decision may not be taken in accordance with this article if the eligible Directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting.

11. Calling a Directors' meeting

11.1. Any Director may call a Directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the Directors or by authorising the Company secretary (if any) to give such notice.

11.2. Notice of any Directors' meeting must indicate:

11.2.1. its proposed date and time;

11.2.2. where it is to take place; and

11.2.3. if it is anticipated that Directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting.

11.3. Notice of a Directors' meeting must be given to each Director, but need not be in writing.

11.4. Notice of a Directors' meeting need not be given to Directors who waive their entitlement to notice of that meeting, by giving notice to that effect to the Company not more than 7 days after the date on which the meeting is held. Where such notice is given after the meeting has been held, that does not affect the validity of the meeting, or of any business conducted at it.

12. Participation in Directors' meetings

12.1. Subject to the Articles, Directors participate in a Directors' meeting, or part of a Directors' meeting, when:

12.1.1. the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the Articles, and

12.1.2. they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting.

12.2. In determining whether Directors are participating in a Directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any Director is or how they communicate with each other.

12.3. If all the Directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is.

13. Quorum for Directors' meetings

13.1. At a Directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.

- 13.2. The quorum for Directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the Directors, but it must never be less than four, and unless otherwise fixed it is four.
- 13.3. If the total number of Directors for the time being is less than the quorum required, the Directors must not take any decision other than a decision:
 - 13.3.1. to appoint further Directors, or
 - 13.3.2. to call a general meeting so as to enable the shareholders to appoint further Directors.

14. Chairing of Directors' meetings

- 14.1. As soon as practicable after each annual general meeting the Directors shall by secret ballot appoint from their number a Chair and a Vice-Chair. The Directors may agree such process for the appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair as they see fit.
- 14.2. The Directors may at any time remove a person from the office of Chair or Vice Chair always provided that such removal may only be carried out at a Board meeting called for the purpose, at which the Chair or Vice Chair (as the case may be) shall have the opportunity to say why they should not be removed.
- 14.3. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall retire from office at the end of every annual general meeting after which they shall be eligible for reappointment, provided they remain Directors. No Director shall serve for more than 6 years as Chair, nor serve for more than 6 years as Vice Chair, in each case either consecutively or cumulatively.
- 14.4. If the Chair is not participating in a Directors' meeting within ten minutes of the time at which it was to start, the Vice Chair shall chair the meeting. If neither the Chair nor the Vice Chair are present, the participating Directors must appoint one of themselves to chair it.

15. Casting vote

- 15.1. If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the Chair or other Director chairing the meeting has a casting vote.
- 15.2. But this does not apply if, in accordance with the Articles, the Chair or other Director is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes.

16. Conflicts of interest

16.1. Subject to section 177(5) and (6) and section 182(5) and (6) of the Act, and provided the Director has declared the nature and extent of their interest in accordance with the requirements of the Act, a Director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in an existing or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company:

16.1.1. may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested;

16.1.2. shall be an Eligible Director for the purposes of any proposed decision of the Directors (or committee of Directors) in respect of such existing or proposed transaction or arrangement in which the Director has an interest;

16.1.3. shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of Directors (or of a committee of the Directors) or participate in any unanimous decision, in respect of such existing or proposed transaction or arrangement in which the Director is interested;

16.1.4. may act by themselves or their firm in a professional capacity for the Company (otherwise than as auditor) and they or their firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if they were not a Director;

16.1.5. may be a Director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to a transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested; and

16.1.6. shall not, save as they may otherwise agree, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which they (or a person connected with them (as defined in section 252 of the Act)) derives from any such transaction or arrangement or from any such office or employment or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit, nor shall the receipt of any such remuneration or other benefit constitute a breach of their duty under section 176 of the Act.

16.2. The Directors may, in accordance with the requirements set out in this article 16, authorise any conflict proposed to them by any Director which would, if not

authorised, involve a Director (an Interested Director) breaching their duty under section 175 of the Act to avoid conflicts of interest.

16.3. Any authorisation under this article 16 will be effective only if:

16.3.1. to the extent permitted by the Act, the matter in question shall have been proposed by any Director for consideration in the same way that any other matter may be proposed to the Directors under the provisions of these Articles or in such other manner as the Directors may determine;

16.3.2. any requirement as to the quorum for consideration of the relevant matter is met without counting the Interested Director; and

16.3.3. the matter was agreed to without the Interested Director voting or would have been agreed to if the Interested Director's vote had not been counted.

16.4. Any authorisation of a conflict under this article 16 may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) impose on the Interested Director such conditions or limitations, or be granted subject to such terms, as the Directors may think fit for the purposes of dealing with the conflict and the Interested Director will be obliged to act in accordance with any such terms and conditions.

16.5. The Directors may revoke or vary such authorisation at any time, but this will not affect anything done by the Interested Director, before such revocation or variation, in accordance with the terms of such authorisation.

16.6. A Director, notwithstanding their office, may be a Director or other officer of, employed by, or otherwise interested (including by the holding of shares) in, any member of the Group and no further authorisation under this article 16 shall be necessary in respect of any such interest.

16.7. A Director is not required, by reason of being a Director (or because of the fiduciary relationship established by reason of being a Director), to account to the Company for any remuneration, profit or other benefit that they derive from or in connection with a relationship involving a conflict which has been authorised by the Directors in accordance with these Articles, by the Company or by these Articles (subject in each case to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to that authorisation) and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds.

16.8. For the purposes of this article, references to proposed decisions and decision-making processes include any Directors' meeting or part of a Directors' meeting.

16.9. Subject to paragraph 16.10, if a question arises at a meeting of Directors or of a committee of Directors as to the right of a Director to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes, the question may, before

the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the Chair whose ruling in relation to any Director other than the Chair is to be final and conclusive.

- 16.10. If any question as to the right to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) should arise in respect of the Chair, the question is to be decided by a decision of the Directors at that meeting, for which purpose the Chair is not to be counted as participating in the meeting (or that part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes.

17. Records of decisions to be kept

- 17.1. The Directors must ensure that the Company keeps a record, in writing, for at least 10 years from the date of the decision recorded, of every unanimous or majority decision taken by the Directors.

18. Directors' discretion to make further rules

- 18.1. Subject to the Articles, the Directors may make any rule which they think fit about how they take decisions, and about how such rules are to be recorded or communicated to Directors.

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

19. Methods of appointing Directors

- 19.1. The Board shall consist of:

- 19.1.1. a minimum of 4 Directors and a maximum of 6 Directors appointed by ballot of the Members;
- 19.1.2. such Executive Directors as may be appointed by the Board, subject always to there being no more than [2] Executive Directors; and
- 19.1.3. not more than 5 Non-Executive Directors appointed by the Directors for the time being, each being appointed for a specified period not exceeding 3 years.

- 19.2. At every annual general meeting:

- 19.2.1. 2 Directors from those elected by the membership shall retire from office by rotation;
- 19.2.2. individuals proposed for appointment (or re-appointment) by the Board shall be deemed to be appointed or re-appointed if no candidate is proposed by the Members, and the number of individuals proposed is the same as the number of vacancies.

- 19.3. Non-Executive Directors appointed by the Board under Article 19.1.3:
- 19.3.1. shall be appointed for their skills, knowledge or experience;
 - 19.3.2. may be re-appointed by the Board, but not so as to exceed the maximum term of office.
- 19.4. No Director may hold office for more than 12 years (apart from any Executive Directors).
- 19.5. No person shall be elected as a Director by the membership unless either:
- 19.5.1. he or she has been an active customer, or be a representative of an active customer, of the Company during the five years preceding their appointment;
 - 19.5.2. he or she is so nominated by the Board of Directors;
 - 19.5.3. he or she is nominated in writing signed by 10 Members eligible to vote on the appointment and countersigned by the nominee and the nomination is received by such deadline as may be agreed by the Directors of which every Member shall be given not less than 14 days' notice.
- 19.6. Every ballot to elect Directors under this Article shall be conducted at such a time as to ensure that the result is available at the annual general meeting immediately following and every Member eligible to vote shall be given not less than 14 days from the date of receiving a ballot paper until the date it has to be returned.
- 19.7. Unless otherwise determined by the Company in general meeting, the Share qualification for standing for election as a Director shall be holding not less than 50 Shares.
- 19.8. The Directors may fill any casual vacancy occurring in their number but if the vacancy is for an elected Director then the person appointed to it shall retire from office at the next following annual general meeting and shall not be counted as a Director retiring by rotation unless his or her predecessor would have so retired at that meeting.

20. Termination of Director's appointment

- 20.1. A person ceases to be a Director as soon as:
- 20.1.1. that person ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Act 2006 or is prohibited from being a Director by law;
 - 20.1.2. a bankruptcy order is made against that person;

- 20.1.3. a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts;
 - 20.1.4. that person's term of office comes to an end under the Articles and they are not reappointed;
 - 20.1.5. a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the Company stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a Director and may remain so for more than three months;
 - 20.1.6. in the opinion of the other Directors, that person is guilty of conduct detrimental to the interests of the Company and the other Directors resolve by a 75% majority of the Directors present and voting at a properly convened meeting of the Directors that the person should be removed, provided that the Director concerned has first been given an opportunity to put their case and to justify why they should not be removed as a Director;
 - 20.1.7. notification is received by the Company from the Director that the Director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms;
 - 20.1.8. being an Executive Director, that person ceases to hold a senior position of employment with the Company;
 - 20.1.9. notification is received by the Company from the Director that the Director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms;
 - 20.1.10. the Director fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Directors and the Directors resolve that the Director be removed for this reason.
- 20.2. If the Chair receives a written complaint identifying the complainant and alleging conduct by a Director that in the Chair's reasonable opinion is detrimental to the interests of the Company, and suggests that there is a prima facie case for the complaint to be investigated in accordance with the provisions of this Article, the Chair may suspend the Director concerned.
- 20.3. Conduct detrimental to the interests of the Company includes:
- 20.3.1. any breach of a Director's obligations; and/or
 - 20.3.2. conviction of any offence which has or is likely to bring the Company into disrepute.
- 20.4. Where the Chair is absent or unable or unwilling to act in relation to the complaint, or the complaint is about the Chair, then the other Directors may

exercise the power to suspend the Chair or a Director under this Article in the same circumstances as the Chair.

20.5. The Director whose conduct is complained of must immediately be notified in writing either by the Secretary (if any) or by the Chair or the other Directors of the complaint and of any suspension which will be effective from the date of the notice. During the period of any suspension the Director must not:

20.5.1. participate in a Board Meeting or any other Company meeting;

20.5.2. authorise or incur expenditure on behalf of the Company;

20.5.3. make use of any property belonging to or in use by the Company in their capacity as a Director;

20.5.4. hold themselves out as a Director of the Company; or

20.5.5. seek to commit the Company to any obligation.

20.6. On receipt of a complaint under this Article the Chair or Directors concerned must immediately refer the matter for a fair process of investigation, including under such procedure for dealing with complaints as the Board may from time to time approve.

21. Directors' remuneration

21.1. Directors may undertake any services for the Company that the Directors decide.

21.2. Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the Directors determine:

21.2.1. for their services to the Company as Directors, and

21.2.2. for any other service which they undertake for the Company.

21.3. Subject to the Articles, a Director's remuneration may:

21.3.1. take any form, and

21.3.2. include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of that Director.

21.4. Unless the Directors decide otherwise, Directors' remuneration accrues from day to day.

21.5. Unless the Directors decide otherwise, Directors are not accountable to the Company for any remuneration which they receive as Directors or other officers or employees of the Company's subsidiaries or of any other body corporate in which the Company is interested.

22. Directors' expenses

22.1. The Company may pay any reasonable expenses which the Directors properly incur in connection with their attendance at:

22.1.1. meetings of Directors or committees of Directors,

22.1.2. general meetings, or

22.1.3. separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company, or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the Company.

PART 3
SHARES AND DISTRIBUTIONS
SHARES

23. All Shares to be fully paid up

23.1. No Share is to be issued for less than the aggregate of its nominal value and any premium to be paid to the Company in consideration for its issue.

23.2. This does not apply to Shares taken on the formation of the Company by the subscribers to the Company's memorandum.

24. Powers to issue different classes of Share

24.1. Subject to the Articles, but without prejudice to the rights attached to any existing Share, the Company may issue Shares with such rights or restrictions as may be determined by ordinary resolution.

24.2. The Company may issue Shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the Company or the holder, and the Directors may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such Shares.

24.3. Shares may only be issued or transferred to individuals or organisations that are customers of the Company.

25. Company not bound by less than absolute interests

25.1. Except as required by law, no person is to be recognised by the Company as holding any Share upon any trust, and except as otherwise required by law or the Articles, the Company is not in any way to be bound by or recognise any interest in a Share other than the holder's absolute ownership of it and all the rights attaching to it.

26. Share certificates

26.1. The Company must issue each Shareholder, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the shares which that Shareholder holds.

26.2. Every certificate must specify:

26.2.1. in respect of how many Shares, of what class, it is issued;

26.2.2. the nominal value of those Shares;

26.2.3. that the Shares are fully paid; and

26.2.4. any distinguishing numbers assigned to them.

- 26.3. No certificate may be issued in respect of Shares of more than one class.
- 26.4. If more than one person holds a Share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it.
- 26.5. Certificates must:
 - 26.5.1. have affixed to them the Company's common seal, or
 - 26.5.2. be otherwise executed in accordance with the Companies Acts.

27. Replacement share certificates

- 27.1. If a certificate issued in respect of a Shareholder's Shares is:
 - 27.1.1. damaged or defaced, or
 - 27.1.2. said to be lost, stolen or destroyed, that Shareholder is entitled to be issued with a replacement certificate in respect of the same shares.
- 27.2. A shareholder exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate:
 - 27.2.1. may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates;
 - 27.2.2. must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the Company if it is damaged or defaced; and
 - 27.2.3. must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee as the Directors decide.

28. Share transfers and "Lapsed Members"

- 28.1. Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in any usual form or any other form approved by the Directors, which is executed by or on behalf of the transferor.
- 28.2. The Company may charge a reasonable fee for administration for registering any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share.
- 28.3. The Company may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered.
- 28.4. The transferor remains the holder of a share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as holder of it.
- 28.5. The Directors may refuse to register the transfer of a share without giving any reason, and if they do so, the instrument of transfer must be returned to the transferee with the notice of refusal unless they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent.

28.6. Where a Member has not conducted any trade with the Company for a period of 5 consecutive years (a “Lapsed Member”) then the Company shall, on the expiry of such period, be immediately entitled in respect of all or any of the Shares registered in the name of the Lapsed Member (the “Relevant Shares”) and without further notice to the Lapsed Member:

28.6.1. to purchase all or any of the Relevant Shares itself; or

28.6.2. to sell all or any of the Relevant Shares to a third party who is (or is entitled to become) a Member selected by the Directors;

provided that in each case the purchase price for the Relevant Shares shall not be less than a value certified in writing by an independent assessor appointed by the Company as being the fair value of the Shares as between a willing transferor and a willing transferee.

28.7. The Directors may authorise any person (who shall be deemed to be appointed as the attorney of the Lapsed Member or their personal representative) to execute any agreement or transfer which may be required to transfer the Relevant Shares pursuant to this Article 28. The Company may receive the purchase money in respect of such sale in trust for the Lapsed Member and in the case of a sale to a third party that is not yet a Member, shall cause the purchaser to be registered as the holder of the Relevant Shares. The receipt of the Company for the purchase funds shall be a good discharge to the purchaser.

29. Transmission of shares

29.1. If title to a share passes to a Transmittée, the Company may only recognise the Transmittée as having any title to that share.

29.2. A Transmittée who produces such evidence of entitlement to shares as the Directors may properly require:

29.2.1. may, subject to the Articles and in particular to the requirement that all Members must be customers of the Company, choose either to become the holder of those shares or to have them transferred to another person, and

29.2.2. subject to the Articles, and pending any transfer of the shares to another person, has the same rights as the holder had.

29.3. But Transmittees do not have the right to attend or vote at a general meeting, or agree to a proposed written resolution, in respect of shares to which they are entitled, by reason of the holder’s death or bankruptcy or otherwise, unless they become the holders of those shares.

30. Exercise of Transmittees' rights

- 30.1. Transmittes who wish to become the holders of shares to which they have become entitled must notify the Company in writing of that wish.
- 30.2. If the Transmittes wishes to have a share transferred to another person, the Transmittes must execute an instrument of transfer in respect of it.
- 30.3. Any transfer made or executed under this article is to be treated as if it were made or executed by the person from whom the Transmittes has derived rights in respect of the share, and as if the event which gave rise to the transmission had not occurred.

31. Transmittes bound by prior notices

- 31.1. If a notice is given to a shareholder in respect of shares and a Transmittes is entitled to those shares, the Transmittes is bound by the notice if it was given to the shareholder before the Transmittes's name has been entered in the register of members.

DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

32. Procedure for declaring dividends

- 32.1. The Company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends, and the Directors may decide to pay interim dividends.
- 32.2. A dividend must not be declared unless the Directors have made a recommendation as to its amount. Such a dividend must not exceed the amount recommended by the Directors.
- 32.3. No dividend may be declared or paid unless it is in accordance with Shareholders' respective rights.
- 32.4. Any dividend or trading bonus must be paid by reference to the extent of business done between the Company and each Shareholder during the preceding accounting period, calculated on such basis as the Directors may specify.
- 32.5. The Directors may pay at intervals any dividend or trading bonus payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment.

33. Payment of dividends and other distributions

33.1. Where a dividend, other sum which is a distribution or any trading bonus is payable in respect of a share, it must be paid by one or more of the following means:

- 33.1.1. transfer to a bank or building society account specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the Directors may otherwise decide;
- 33.1.2. sending a cheque made payable to the distribution recipient by post to the distribution recipient at the distribution recipient's registered address (if the distribution recipient is a holder of the share), or (in any other case) to an address specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the Directors may otherwise decide;
- 33.1.3. sending a cheque made payable to such person by post to such person at such address as the distribution recipient has specified either in writing or as the Directors may otherwise decide;
- 33.1.4. off-setting the sum payable against any monies owing to the Company by the holder of the relevant shares; or
- 33.1.5. any other means of payment as the Directors agree with the distribution recipient either in writing or by such other means as the Directors decide.

33.2. In the Articles, "the distribution recipient" means, in respect of a share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable:

- 33.2.1. the holder of the share; or
- 33.2.2. if the share has two or more joint holders, whichever of them is named first in the register of members; or
- 33.2.3. if the holder is no longer entitled to the share by reason of death or bankruptcy, or
- 33.2.4. otherwise by operation of law, the Transmittree.

34. No interest on distributions

34.1. The Company may not pay interest on any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share unless otherwise provided by:

- 34.1.1. the terms on which the share was issued, or
- 34.1.2. the provisions of another agreement between the holder of that share and the Company.

35. Unclaimed distributions

- 35.1. All dividends or other sums which are:
 - 35.1.1. payable in respect of shares, and
 - 35.1.2. unclaimed after having been declared or become payable, may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Directors for the benefit of the Company until claimed.
- 35.2. The payment of any such dividend or other sum into a separate account does not make the Company a trustee in respect of it.
- 35.3. If:
 - 35.3.1. twelve years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other sum became due for payment, and
 - 35.3.2. the distribution recipient has not claimed it, the distribution recipient is no longer entitled to that dividend or other sum and it ceases to remain owing by the Company.

36. Non-cash distributions

- 36.1. Subject to the terms of issue of the share in question, the Company may, by ordinary resolution on the recommendation of the Directors, decide to pay all or part of a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by transferring non-cash assets of equivalent value (including, without limitation, shares or other securities in any Company).
- 36.2. For the purposes of paying a non-cash distribution, the Directors may make whatever arrangements they think fit, including, where any difficulty arises regarding the distribution:
 - 36.2.1. fixing the value of any assets;
 - 36.2.2. paying cash to any distribution recipient on the basis of that value in order to adjust the rights of recipients; and
 - 36.2.3. vesting any assets in trustees.

37. Waiver of distributions

- 37.1. Distribution Recipients may waive their entitlement to a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by giving the Company notice in writing to that effect, but if:
 - 37.1.1. the share has more than one holder, or
 - 37.1.2. more than one person is entitled to the share, whether by reason of the death or bankruptcy of one or more joint holders, or otherwise, the

notice is not effective unless it is expressed to be given, and signed, by all the holders or persons otherwise entitled to the share.

CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS

38. Authority to capitalise and appropriation of capitalised sums

38.1. Subject to the Articles, the Directors may, if they are so authorised by an ordinary resolution:

38.1.1. decide to capitalise any profits of the Company (whether or not they are available for distribution) which are not required for paying a preferential dividend, or any sum standing to the credit of the Company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve; and

38.1.2. appropriate any sum which they so decide to capitalise (a "capitalised sum") to the persons who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend (the "persons entitled") and in the same proportions.

38.2. Capitalised sums must be applied:

38.2.1. on behalf of the persons entitled, and

38.2.2. in the same proportions as a dividend would have been distributed to them.

38.3. Any capitalised sum may be applied in paying up new shares of a nominal amount equal to the capitalised sum which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct.

38.4. A capitalised sum which was appropriated from profits available for distribution may be applied in paying up new debentures of the Company which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct.

38.5. Subject to the Articles the Directors may:

38.5.1. apply capitalised sums in accordance with paragraphs 38.3 and 38.4 partly in one way and partly in another;

38.5.2. make such arrangements as they think fit to deal with shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions under this article (including the issuing of fractional certificates or the making of cash payments); and

38.5.3. authorise any person to enter into an agreement with the Company on behalf of all the persons entitled which is binding on them in respect of the allotment of shares and debentures to them under this article.

PART 4
DECISION-MAKING BY SHAREHOLDERS
ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS

39. Attendance and speaking at general meetings

- 39.1. A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting when that person is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, during the meeting, any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting.
- 39.2. A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when:
- 39.2.1. that person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting, and
 - 39.2.2. that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting.
- 39.3. The Directors may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it.
- 39.4. In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more members attending it are in the same place as each other.
- 39.5. Two or more persons who are not in the same place as each other attend a general meeting if their circumstances are such that if they have (or were to have) rights to speak and vote at that meeting, they are (or would be) able to exercise them.

40. Quorum for general meetings

- 40.1. No business other than the appointment of the Chair of the meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting if the persons attending it do not constitute a quorum.
- 40.2. The quorum for general meetings is 5 Members for the time being.

41. Chairing general meetings

- 41.1. If the Directors have appointed a Chair, the Chair shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so.

41.2. If the Directors have not appointed a Chair, or if the Chair is unwilling to chair the meeting or is not present within ten minutes of the time at which a meeting was due to start:

41.2.1. the Directors present, or

41.2.2. (if no Directors are present), the meeting, must appoint a Director or shareholder to Chair the meeting, and the appointment of the Chair of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting.

41.3. The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this article is referred to as “the Chair of the meeting”.

42. Attendance and speaking by Directors and non-shareholders

42.1. Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are shareholders.

42.2. The Chair of the meeting may permit other persons who are not:

42.2.1. shareholders of the Company, or

42.2.2. otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of shareholders in relation to general meetings, to attend and speak at a general meeting.

43. Adjournment

43.1. If the persons attending a general meeting within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the Chair of the meeting must adjourn it.

43.2. The Chair of the meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if:

43.2.1. the meeting consents to an adjournment, or

43.2.2. it appears to the Chair of the meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner.

43.3. The Chair of the meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting.

43.4. When adjourning a general meeting, the Chair of the meeting must:

43.4.1. either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the Directors, and

43.4.2. have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting.

43.5. If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than 14 days after it was adjourned, the Company must give at least 7 clear days' notice of it (that is, excluding the day of the adjourned meeting and the day on which the notice is given):

43.5.1. to the same persons to whom notice of the Company's general meetings is required to be given, and

43.5.2. containing the same information which such notice is required to contain.

43.6. No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place.

VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

44. Voting: general

44.1. A resolution put to the vote of a general meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is duly demanded in accordance with the Articles.

44.2. On any vote, either on a show of hands or via a poll vote, each Shareholder shall have one vote.

45. Errors and disputes

45.1. No objection may be raised to the qualification of any person voting at a general meeting except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid.

45.2. Any such objection must be referred to the Chair of the meeting, whose decision is final.

46. Poll votes

46.1. A poll on a resolution may be demanded:

46.1.1. in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote, or

46.1.2. at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared.

46.2. A poll may be demanded by:

46.2.1. the Chair of the meeting;

46.2.2. the Directors;

- 46.2.3. two or more persons having the right to vote on the resolution; or
- 46.2.4. a person or persons representing not less than one tenth of the total number of all the Shareholders having the right to vote on the resolution.
- 46.3. A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if:
 - 46.3.1. the poll has not yet been taken, and
 - 46.3.2. the Chair of the meeting consents to the withdrawal.
- 46.4. Polls must be taken immediately or in such manner as the Chair of the meeting directs.

47. Content of proxy notices

- 47.1. Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a “proxy notice”) Which:
 - 47.1.1. states the name and address of the shareholder appointing the proxy;
 - 47.1.2. identifies the person appointed to be that shareholder’s proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
 - 47.1.3. is signed by or on behalf of the shareholder appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the Directors may determine; and
 - 47.1.4. is delivered to the Company in accordance with the Articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate.
- 47.2. The Company may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.
- 47.3. Proxy notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions.
- 47.4. Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as:
 - 47.4.1. allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting, and
 - 47.4.2. appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself.

48. Delivery of proxy notices

- 48.1. A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or

any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been delivered to the Company by or on behalf of that person.

- 48.2. An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the Company a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given.
- 48.3. A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.
- 48.4. If a proxy notice is not executed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence of the authority of the person who executed it to execute it on the appointor's behalf.

49. Amendments to resolutions

- 49.1. An ordinary resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution if:
 - 49.1.1. notice of the proposed amendment is given to the Company in writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the Chair of the meeting may determine), and
 - 49.1.2. the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the Chair of the meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution.
- 49.2. A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if:
 - 49.2.1. the Chair of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed, and
 - 49.2.2. the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution.
- 49.3. If the Chair of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the Chair's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution.

PART 5
ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

50. Means of communication to be used

- 50.1. Subject to the Articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the Company under the Articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Companies Act 2006 provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the Company.
- 50.2. Subject to the Articles, any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a Director in connection with the taking of decisions by Directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that Director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents for the time being.
- 50.3. A Director may agree with the Company that notices or documents sent to that Director in a particular way are to be deemed to have been received within a specified time of their being sent, and for the specified time to be less than 48 hours.

51. Company seals

- 51.1. Any common seal may only be used by the authority of the Directors.
- 51.2. The Directors may decide by what means and in what form any common seal is to be used.
- 51.3. Unless otherwise decided by the Directors, if the Company has a common seal and it is affixed to a document, the document must also be signed by at least one authorised person in the presence of a witness who attests the signature.
- 51.4. For the purposes of this article, an authorised person is:
- 51.4.1. any Director of the Company;
 - 51.4.2. the Company secretary (if any); or
 - 51.4.3. any person authorised by the Directors for the purpose of signing documents to which the common seal is applied.

52. No right to inspect accounts and other records

- 52.1. Except as provided by law or authorised by the Directors or an ordinary resolution of the Company, no person is entitled to inspect any of the Company's accounting or other records or documents merely by virtue of being a shareholder.

53. Provision for employees on cessation of business

53.1. The Directors may decide to make provision for the benefit of persons employed or formerly employed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (other than a Director or former Director or shadow Director) in connection with the cessation or transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the Company or that subsidiary.

DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

54. Indemnity

54.1. Subject to paragraph 54.2, a relevant Director of the Company or an associated Company may be indemnified out of the Company's assets against:

- 54.1.1. any liability incurred by that Director in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company or an associated Company,
- 54.1.2. any liability incurred by that Director in connection with the activities of the Company or an associated Company in its capacity as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Companies Act 2006),
- 54.1.3. any other liability incurred by that Director as an officer of the Company or an associated Company.

54.2. This article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law.

54.3. In this article:

- 54.3.1. companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate, and
- 54.3.2. a "relevant Director" means any Director or former Director of the Company or an associated Company.

55. Insurance

55.1. The Directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any relevant Director in respect of any relevant loss.

55.2. In this article:

- 55.2.1. a “relevant Director” means any Director or former Director of the Company or an associated Company,
- 55.2.2. a “relevant loss” means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant Director in connection with that Director’s duties or powers in relation to the Company, any associated Company or any pension fund or employees’ share scheme of the Company or associated Company, and
- 55.2.3. companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate.

56. Dissolution

- 56.1. The Company is a co-ownership co-operative enterprise. In the event of the winding up or dissolution of the Company the liquidator shall first, according to law, use the assets of the Company to satisfy its debts and liabilities. Any balance of assets remaining may be distributed among the Members and those Persons who were Members at any time during the [five years] prior to the date on which the Company decides to wind up. Distribution shall be in proportion to the relative contribution made by Members and past Members during the [five years] prior to the winding up of the Company, or according to some other equitable formula agreed by the Members on winding up which complies with the Co-operative Principles. If such residual assets cannot be distributed in this manner they shall be transferred to a common ownership co-operative(s) or to Co-operatives UK (or any body that succeeds to its function).