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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2021-02

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TO : **ALL CONCERNED COOPERATIVES AND COOPERATIVE EXTERNAL AUDITORS**

SUBJECT : **HIRING/ENGAGEMENT OF COOPERATIVE EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF COOPERATIVES**

On account of the public health emergency declared by President Rodrigo Duterte in 2020, most cooperatives failed to conduct their annual general assembly meetings, where the hiring and engagement of their external auditors should have been approved.

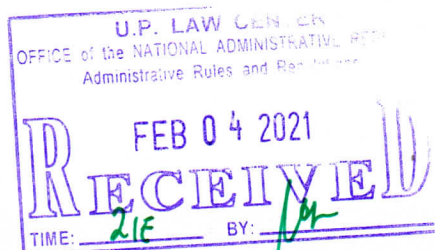
In view thereof, the Authority hereby issues the following guidelines relative to the hiring or engagement of cooperative external auditors:

- a) Cooperatives which failed to hold their general assembly meetings may hire a cooperative external auditor, subject to confirmation by the general assembly on their meetings this year 2021;
- b) Section 9 (h) of MC No. 2019-10, or the Revised Guidelines on the Accreditation of Cooperative External Auditors, shall apply, thus, no cooperative external auditor, whether individual or firm, shall undertake external audit to a specific cooperative for more than five (5) years; and
- c) No cooperative external auditor shall be hired or engaged by a cooperative without valid accreditation from the CDA.

For strict compliance.

Approved per CDA Board Resolution No. 028, S-2021 dated January 22, 2021.

DATE: February 4, 2021



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