



## **PUBLIC COMPLIANCE COMMUNICATION**

**PUBLIC COMPLIANCE  
COMMUNICATION No. 40 (PCC40)**  
OF LICENSING, REGISTRATION,  
APPROVAL OR AUTHORISATION  
CONDITIONS ISSUED BY  
SUPERVISORY BODIES TO  
ACCOUNTABLE INSTITUTIONS, IN  
TERMS OF SECTION 45 AND 45(1B)(e)  
OF THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE  
CENTRE ACT  
(ACT NO. 38 OF 2001)

**The Financial Intelligence Centre (the Centre) provides the guidance contained in this Public Compliance Communication (PCC) in terms of its statutory function in terms of section 4(c) of the Financial Intelligence Centre Act, Act No. 38 of 2001, as amended (the FIC Act) read together with Regulation 28 of the Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Control Regulations (the Regulations) issued in terms of the FIC Act.**

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### **PCC Summary**

The Centre recommends that supervisory bodies include in their conditions of its licence, registration, approval or authorisation processes issued to accountable institutions, a clause confirming that the accountable institution:

- is to comply with the provisions of the FIC Act;
- has in place adequate human, financial, technical and other resources to ensure compliance with the FIC Act.

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**Objective**

The objective of this PCC is to provide guidance to supervisory bodies regarding the conditions of their licence, registration, approval or authorisation processes in meeting their responsibilities to supervise and ensure compliance with the FIC Act by the respective accountable institutions regulated by them, as required by sections 45 and 45(1B)(e) of the FIC Act.

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Every supervisory body is responsible for supervising and enforcing compliance with the FIC Act or any order, determination or directive made in terms of the FIC Act, by all accountable institutions regulated or supervised by it (Section 45(1) of the FIC Act). In this regard, supervisory bodies may conduct inspections to determine the level of compliance by accountable institutions with the FIC Act or any order, determination or directive made in terms of the FIC Act (Section 45B(1) of the FIC Act ).
- 1.2 All accountable institutions must comply with the provisions of the FIC Act, unless they are exempted by the Minister of Finance (Section 74 of the FIC Act).

**2. Responsibility for supervision of accountable institutions**

- 2.1 Section 45(1B)(e)(i) and (ii ) of the FIC Act provides that a supervisory body, in meeting its responsibility referred to in section 45(1) of the FIC Act may issue or amend any licence, registration, approval or authorisation that the supervisory body may issue or grant in accordance with any Act, to include that an accountable institution;
  - 2.1.1 is to comply with the provisions of the FIC Act;
  - 2.1.2 has in place adequate human, financial, technical and other resources to ensure compliance with the FIC Act.

- 2.2 The Centre therefore recommends that the supervisory body include conditions as mentioned in paragraph 2.1 above in their conditions of licensing, registration, approval or authorisation in respect of accountable institutions.
- 2.3 The Centre further recommends that, when supervisory bodies assess applications for licensing, registration, approval or authorisation, they should, amongst others, consider the applicant's capability to meet the requirements of these conditions once the license is granted.
- 2.4 The Centre proposes the following generic clause, the first line of which may be amended to conform to the specific industry requirements:
- "Upon being licenced/registered/approved/authorised, the licensee confirms that he/she/it will comply with, and ensure that the licensee will have the necessary availability of human, financial, technological and other resources to enable it to comply with, the provisions of the Financial Intelligence Centre Act (Act No. 38 of 2001)."*
- 2.5 The Centre further encourages supervisory bodies to consider making amendments to its conditions of licensing, registration, approval or authorization, at the earliest opportunity.

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