

Criteria for Transaction Limits between Credit Cooperatives and Non-Members

- Article 1 These Criteria are adopted pursuant to Paragraph 2, Article 15 of the Credit Cooperatives Act.
- Article 2 Business transactions between credit cooperatives and non-members include the following:
1. Accepting deposits of all types.
 2. Extending loans, overdrafts, discounted bills and notes.
 3. Providing domestic guarantee services.
 4. Providing domestic remittance services.
 5. Providing collection and payment agency services.
 6. Buying and selling foreign currency and traveler's checks.
 7. Providing custodial and agency services related to the above-listed items.
 8. Other businesses approved by the central Competent Authority.
- Article 3 The aggregate balance of credit extended to non-members by a credit cooperative shall not exceed the aggregate amount of deposits from non-members.
- Article 4 The scope of business, standards, and limits on credit that a credit cooperative may extend to non-members are as follows:
1. Where a credit cooperative's ratio of equity capital to risk-weighted assets is 8 percent or higher at the end of the preceding year, it may extend housing loans to individuals that are secured by buildings located within its authorized business area and the neighboring two counties or cities (or special municipality), but the outstanding balance of such loans may not exceed two (2) times its net worth.
 2. Credit secured by certificates of deposit of the lending credit cooperative, demand (savings) deposits of the lending cooperative, short-term bills, government bonds, bank debentures or secured corporate bonds
 3. Consumer loans of NT\$1.5 million or less, provided that the outstanding balance of such loans does not exceed the credit cooperative's net worth. The term "consumer loan" means small loans for home repair, durable consumer goods (including automobiles), tuition payments, and other small personal loans.
 4. Where a credit cooperative's ratio of equity capital to risk-weighted assets is 10 percent or higher at the end of the preceding year, it may extend credit to small and medium enterprises and non-profit

organizations located within its authorized business area and the neighboring two counties or cities (or special municipality), but the outstanding balance of such credit may not exceed one half its net worth.

5. Extending credit to state-owned enterprises, but the outstanding balance of such credit may not exceed the credit cooperative's net worth.
6. Extending credit to government agencies, but the outstanding balance of such credit may not exceed two (2) times the credit cooperative's net worth and is not included in the limits on aggregate balance of credit extended to non-members.
7. Providing performance guarantee for pre-sale properties and performance guarantee for real estate transaction payments.

Where a credit cooperative's non-performing loan ratio for the most recent consecutive 12 months has been lower than 1 percent, it has duly allocated sufficient loan loss provision as required, and its ratio of loan loss provision to Category 1 credit assets has uniformly been above 1 percent, the areas mentioned in subparagraph 1 of the preceding paragraph regarding building location and the areas mentioned in subparagraph 4 of the same paragraph may be expanded to the neighboring three counties or cities (or special municipality).

If any non-compliance with the conditions provided in subparagraphs 1 and 4 of paragraph 1 hereof subsequently occurs after a credit cooperative extends credit to non-members in accordance with those subparagraphs, the credit cooperative shall immediately suspend that type of lending business. If non-compliance with the ratio set out in the preceding paragraph occurs, the credit cooperative may continue that type of lending business only in the neighboring two counties or cities (or special municipality), provided the restrictions do not apply where the loan approval process has already been completed but the funds have not been disbursed. A credit cooperative may recommence that type of lending business only after it is in compliance with the listed conditions.

The provisions regarding limits on extending loans by a credit cooperative to a same person or same related party shall apply to credit extensions by a credit cooperative to non-members under subparagraphs 1 to 5 of paragraph 1 hereof.

Article 4- 1 The term "net worth" referred to in these Criteria means the net worth

after final accounting for the previous fiscal year.

Article 5 These Criteria shall enter into force from the date of promulgation.