



Patents and Companies Registration Agency

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REGISTRATION OF COOPERATIVES

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The Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) wishes to inform the general public and the business community that the mandate of business registration for the Agency does not extend to the registration of cooperatives. The Patents and Companies Registration Agency Act no. 4 of 2020 only mandates the Agency to register businesses and operate a registry for businesses and intellectual property.

Further, the public and the business community may wish to note that the Patents and Companies Registration Agency is an agency under the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry whilst the Department of Cooperatives is part of the Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises. The two Institutions only share office space in some Regions. Therefore, despite the Cooperatives office being housed at PACRA Headquarters, the Agency is not mandated to register Cooperatives. To this end, all queries and enquires regarding registrations of cooperatives should be addressed to the Department of Cooperatives.

The Patents and Companies Registration Agency is only mandated to provide the services listed below:

- a) Registration of trademarks;
- b) Granting of patents;
- c) Registration of industrial designs;
- d) Registration of copyright and related rights;
- e) Incorporation of companies;
- f) Registration of business names;
- g) Registration of security interests in movable assets;
- h) Accreditation of corporate insolvency practitioners;
- i) Protection of traditional knowledge, genetic resources and expressions of folklore; and
- j) Protection of layout designs of integrated circuits.

For more details on the Agency's mandate and services, visit www.pacra.org.zm

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