**UNION OF SOCIETIST COMMUNES OF ENTANTHA**  
**Commons Coordination Board**

* **REGULATION**  
  **On the Establishment and Operation of Interest Cooperatives**  
  **The Labor Organization and Productive Collectives Act of 1923**  
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USCE Department of Labor and Productive Organization

**Section 1: Purpose and Scope**

This regulation establishes the legal framework for the formation, operation, and dissolution of interest cooperatives within the Union of Societist Communes of Entantha (USCE). Cooperatives shall serve as the primary means of organized labor, operating on principles of collective ownership, democratic management, and equitable integration with the USCE internal economy framework.

**Section 2: Definition and Recognition**

An **interest cooperative** is defined as:

* A voluntary association of workers engaged in common production or service.
* Collectively self-managed by its current workforce through democratic processes.
* Operating without external ownership (state or private).

**Formal recognition requires:**

1. Registration with the local labor council.
2. Minimum of three (3) participating workers.
3. Adoption of a standardized cooperative charter approved by the Commons Coordination Board.

**Section 3: Formation and Membership**

**A. Establishment Process**

1. Founding members shall submit a work plan and proposed charter to the local labor council.
2. The council shall allocate initial resources based on demonstrated production needs and communal equity considerations.
3. The cooperative shall be entered into the regional registry upon approval, granting access to communal infrastructure.

**B. Membership Rules**

* **Admission:** By majority vote of current members, with no exclusion based on immutable characteristics.
* **Resignation:** Notice must be submitted to the cooperative records-keeper; no punitive measures permitted.
* **Exclusion:** Only permissible for material harm to the cooperative (as defined in Section 4 of the Resource Allocation and Equity Act).

**Section 4: Governance Structure**

Each cooperative shall implement:

1. **Weekly assemblies** for major decisions (production targets, resource requests, disciplinary actions).
2. **Rotating management committees** elected for 3-month terms to oversee daily operations.
3. **Public production ledgers** to ensure transparency and alignment with communal planning.

**Section 5: Resource Rights and Obligations**

**A. Entitlements**  
Recognized cooperatives may:

* Request materials from communal stores based on approved production quotas.
* Petition for equipment upgrades, subject to local council review.
* Access shared transportation pools for work-related purposes.

**B. Member Benefits**

* **Priority status** in personal resource requests (per Section 4 of the Resource Allocation and Equity Act).
* **Occupational bonuses** in discretionary goods points for hazardous or high-skill labor.

**Section 6: Reorganization and Dissolution**

**A. Mergers**

1. May be proposed by any member during a weekly assembly.
2. Require a two-thirds (⅔) majority vote of all members.
3. Must be approved by the local labor council to ensure resource continuity.

**B. Dissolution**

1. **Voluntary:** Requires unanimous member agreement and justification submitted to the labor council.
2. **Assets:** All tools, materials, and facilities revert to communal stores.
3. **Membership:** Former members retain employment priority in related cooperatives.

**Section 7: Integration with Resource Allocation System**

1. Cooperative employment qualifies as a **positive discretionary factor** (Resource Allocation and Equity Act, Section 4).
2. Workplace infractions (e.g., sabotage, coercion) count as **anti-social behavior** (Resource Allocation and Equity Act, Section 7).
3. Cooperative production quotas shall be incorporated into **communal planning equations** reviewed monthly by the Commons Coordination Board.

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**Notes**  
This act operates in conjunction with the **Resource Allocation and Equity Act**. Cross-referenced provisions shall be interpreted harmoniously, with precedence given to communal equity principles. Historical revisions have expanded protections for marginalized workers, removing exclusionary language from early 20th-century drafts.