Opinion: EANDCB validation

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Reform of the legacy Credit Unions Sourcebook Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)

RPC rating: validated

Description of the measure

The Credit Unions Sourcebook (CREDS) was originally a joint document that predated the separation of the Financial Services Authority into the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) and the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). The PRA has made some changes to its rules for credit unions, including replacing its CREDS with a new Credit Union Rulebook. As a result, the FCA has made minimal changes to the FCA's CREDS, to align it with the PRA's Rulebook. The FCA changes:

- clarify the responsibilities of the FCA;
- change some guidance on senior management arrangements, systems and controls;
- adjust credit unions' reporting arrangements; and
- correct any errors, omissions or outdated provisions in the FCA CREDS.

Impacts of the measure

The assessment explains that the changes affect all, circa 500, credit unions in the UK. The FCA states that the changes it is making are minimal and do not impose any significant additional obligations on firms, over and above those imposed by the PRA's more substantial changes. It supports this statement by reference to consultation responses.

The RPC verifies the estimated equivalent annual net direct cost to business (EANDCB) of £0.0 million.

Quality of submission

The FCA has provided sufficient information for the RPC to confirm that the measure will have minimal impact and that the EANDCB figure rounds to zero.

Regulator assessment

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Equivalent annual net direct cost to business (EANDCB)	£0.0 million
Business net present value	£0.0 million

RPC assessment

Classification	Qualifying regulatory provision
EANDCB – RPC validated ¹	£0.0 million
Business Impact Target (BIT) Score ¹	£0.0 million

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¹ For reporting purposes, the RPC validates EANDCB and BIT score figures to the nearest £100,000.