### FINANCIAL AND CONSUMER SERVICES COMMISSION

### **LOCAL RULE 45-501**

#### PROSPECTUS AND REGISTRATION EXEMPTIONS

### PART 1: DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

### **Definitions**

### **1.1** In this rule

"investment share of a cooperative" means a share in the capital of a cooperative that is not a membership share;

"membership share of a cooperative" means a share described in section 32 of the *Cooperatives Act*.

## Interpretation

**1.2** Terms defined in National Instrument 14-101 *Definitions* and used in this Rule have the respective meanings ascribed to those terms in that Instrument.

#### **PART 2: EXEMPTIONS**

### Cooperatives

- **2.1 (1)** The dealer registration requirement does not apply to a trade in a security of a cooperative if the security is one or more of the following:
  - (a) a membership share of a cooperative;
  - (b) an investment share of a cooperative where the acquisition cost of a share is \$1,000 or less and the total cumulative investment of the individual relying on the exemption does not exceed \$10,000.
  - (2) The prospectus requirement does not apply to a distribution in a security of a cooperative in the circumstances referred to in subsection (1).

# **Credit Unions**

- **2.2 (1)** The dealer registration requirement does not apply to a trade in a membership share of a credit union within the meaning of the *Credit Unions Act*.
  - (2) The prospectus requirement does not apply to a distribution in a security in the circumstances referred to in subsection (1).

### **PART 3: EFFECTIVE DATE**

**3.1** This rule comes into force on 1 January 2020.