# **Policy on Internal Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

**Co-operative Insurance Company PLC** 

# 1. Purpose

This policy establishes the standards of ethical behavior, integrity, and professional conduct expected of all directors and employees of Co-operative Insurance Company PLC. It also outlines specific rules regarding trading in the company's listed securities to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) and the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC).

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All directors (executive and non-executive).
- All employees at every level, including temporary and contract staff.
- Any person acting on behalf of the company.

## 3. Core Principles of Business Conduct and Ethics

#### 3.1 Integrity and Honesty

- Conduct business with honesty, integrity, and transparency.
- Avoid any form of dishonesty, fraud, or unethical behavior.

#### 3.2 Compliance with Laws and Regulations

- Comply with all applicable laws, including those of the Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (IRCSL), SEC, and CSE.
- Adhere to internal company policies and industry standards.

#### 3.3 Fairness and Respect

- Treat all colleagues, customers, and stakeholders with respect and fairness.
- Prohibit discrimination, harassment, or any form of abusive behavior.

#### 3.4 Conflict of Interest

- Avoid situations where personal interests conflict with the company's interests.
- Disclose any potential conflicts of interest to the Board or relevant authority.

#### 3.5 Confidentiality

- Protect and maintain the confidentiality of sensitive company, customer, and employee information.
- Refrain from disclosing confidential information without proper authorization, even after leaving the company.

#### 3.6 Corporate Responsibility

• Conduct business responsibly and sustainably, respecting the environment and contributing positively to the community.

## 4. Policy on Trading in the Company's Listed Securities

## 4.1 Insider Trading Prohibition

- Directors and employees are prohibited from trading in the company's securities while in possession of material, non-public information (inside information).
- Examples of inside information include:
  - o Financial performance or earnings forecasts.
  - o Significant business transactions, mergers, or acquisitions.
  - o Changes in senior management or board composition.
  - Regulatory actions or investigations.

## **4.2 Trading Blackout Periods**

- A trading blackout period applies during:
  - The preparation of quarterly and annual financial statements, until such results are publicly disclosed.
  - Any period where significant, material information has not yet been disclosed to the public.
- Directors and employees will be notified of specific blackout periods by the Compliance Officer.

#### 4.3 Pre-Approval for Trading

- Directors, senior management, and designated employees must seek written pre-approval from the Compliance Officer before trading in the company's securities.
- Approval is valid for a limited period and does not absolve individuals of their legal and ethical obligations.

#### 4.4 Disclosure of Trades

 Directors and senior management must disclose all trades in the company's securities within the timelines specified by the SEC and CSE rules.

## 5. Responsibilities

#### 5.1 Directors and Senior Management

- Uphold the highest standards of ethical behavior and act as role models for employees.
- Ensure compliance with this policy and related laws.

#### 5.2 Employees

- Familiarize themselves with and adhere to the provisions of this policy.
- Report any suspected violations promptly.

#### **5.3 Compliance Officer**

- Monitor compliance with insider trading rules and blackout periods.
- Provide training and updates on changes to relevant laws and regulations.
- Maintain records of pre-approvals, disclosures, and reported violations.

## 6. Reporting Violations

## **6.1 Reporting Channels**

- Employees and directors are encouraged to report violations of this policy through the designated whistleblowing mechanism.
- Reports can be made anonymously and will be treated with confidentiality.

## **6.2 Investigation**

- All reported violations will be promptly investigated.
- Disciplinary action, up to and including termination, will be taken against those found to have violated the policy.

## 7. Training and Awareness

- Regular training sessions shall be conducted to educate directors and employees on ethical behavior, insider trading laws, and this policy.
- Employees and directors shall acknowledge their understanding and commitment to the policy annually.

## 8. Compliance and Review

- The company shall conduct periodic audits to ensure adherence to this policy.
- This policy shall be reviewed annually or as required by changes in regulatory requirements.

**Approved by the Board of Directors**