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Semiannual Regulatory Flexibility Agenda

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: The Board is issuing this agenda under the Regulatory Flexibility Act and the Board's Statement of Policy Regarding Expanded Rulemaking Procedures. The Board anticipates having under consideration regulatory matters as indicated below during the period April 1 through October 1, 1999. The next agenda will be published in October 1999.

DATES: Comments about the form or content of the agenda may be submitted any time during the next 6 months.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary of the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A staff contact for each item is indicated with the regulatory description below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board is publishing its April 1999 agenda as part of the April 1999 Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions, which is coordinated by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866. The agenda also identifies rules the Board has selected for review under section 610(c) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and public comment is invited on those entries.

Participation by the Board in the Unified Agenda is on a voluntary basis.

The Board's agenda is divided into three sections. The first, Proposed Rule Stage, reports on matters the Board may consider for public comment during the next 6 months. The second section, Final Rule Stage, reports on matters that have been proposed and are under Board consideration. A third section, Completed Actions, reports on regulatory matters the Board has completed or is not expected to consider further. Matters begun and completed between issues of the agenda have not been included.

A dot (●) preceding an entry indicates a new matter that was not a part of the Board's previous agenda and which the Board has not completed.

Barbara R. Lowrey,
Associate Secretary of the Board.

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4298	Regulation: D—Reserve Requirements of Depository Institutions (Docket Number: R-0956)	7100-AC11
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4300	Regulation: H—Membership of State Banking Institutions in the Federal Reserve System (Docket Number: R-0950)	7100-AC14
4301	Regulation: H—Membership of State Banking Institutions; Regulation: K—International Banking Operations; and Regulation: Y—Bank Holding Companies (Docket Number: R-1019)	7100-AC59
4302	Regulation: H—Membership of State Banking Institutions in the Federal Reserve System; and Regulation: Y— Bank Holding Companies and Change in Bank Control (Docket Number: R-0930)	7100-AC13
4303	Regulation: H—Membership of State Banking Institutions in the Federal Reserve System; and Regulation: Y— Bank Holding Companies and Change in Bank Control (Docket No: R-0947 & R-0948)	7100-AC29
4304	Regulation: H—Membership of State Banking Institutions in the Federal Reserve System; and Regulation: Y— Bank Holding Companies and Change in Bank Control (Docket Number: R-0985)	7100-AB77
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4314	Regulation: H—Membership of State Banking Institutions in the Federal Reserve System; and Regulation: Y—Bank Holding Companies and Change in Bank Control (Docket Number: R-0982)	7100-AC39
4315	Regulation: J—Collection of Checks and Other Items by Federal Reserve Banks; and Regulation: CC—Availability of Funds and Collection of Checks (Docket Number: R-1009)	7100-AC50
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4292. REGULATION: B—EQUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY (DOCKET NUMBER: R-1008)(SECTION 610 REVIEW)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 1691

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 202

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In March 1998, pursuant to requirements of section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994, section 610(c) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1994 and section 2222 of the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996, the Board approved issuing for public comment an advance notice of proposed rulemaking for Regulation B (63 FR 12326, March 12, 1998) which implements the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA). The ECOA makes it unlawful for creditors to discriminate against an applicant in any aspect of a credit transaction on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, age, and other specified bases. The review will determine whether Regulation B should be revised to address technological and other developments; better balance consumer protections and industry burden; and delete obsolete provisions. To gather information necessary for this review

and to ensure the participation of interested parties, the Board solicited comment on several specific issues, including preapplication marketing practices, inquiry versus application data collection for nonmortgage credit products, and creditor liability. The Board also solicited comment generally on potential revisions to the regulation.

Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action during the second quarter of 1999. Specific proposals will take into account the economic impact on small entities subject to the Board's regulation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	03/12/98	63 FR 12326
Further Board action by	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 7100-AC54

4293. REGULATION: C—HOME MORTGAGE DISCLOSURE (DOCKET NUMBER: R-1001)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 2801

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 203

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In March 1998, pursuant to requirements of section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 and section 2222 of the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996, the Board approved issuing for public comment an advance notice of proposed rulemaking for Regulation C which implements the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) (63 FR 12329, March 12, 1998). Regulation C requires most mortgage lenders located in metropolitan statistical areas to report annually to Federal agencies and disclose to the public information about their home purchase and home improvement lending activity. The review will determine whether Regulation C should be revised to address technological and other developments; better balance consumer protections and industry burden; and delete obsolete provisions. To gather information necessary for this review and to ensure the participation of interested parties, the Board solicited

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comment on several specific issues, while also soliciting comment generally on potential revisions to the regulation.

It is not anticipated that any proposed notice of rulemaking would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities subject to the Board's regulation. Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action during the second quarter of 1999.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	03/12/98	63 FR 12329
Further Board action by	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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4294. REGULATION: T—CREDIT BY BROKERS AND DEALERS; REGULATION: U—CREDIT BY BANKS; AND REGULATION: X—BORROWERS OF SECURITIES CREDIT (DOCKET NUMBER: R-0995)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 78G, Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 220; 12 CFR 221; 12 CFR 224

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: As part of the regular review of its regulations and in accordance with requirements of section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 and section 610(c) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1994, the Board is conducting a review of its margin regulations. In order to complete this review, the Board approved issuing for public comment an advance notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comment in December 1997 (63 FR 2840, January 16, 1998). The advance notice highlights issues raised by commenters in response to previous requests for comment that had not been addressed by the Board in the course

of its periodic review. It also provides an opportunity to further harmonize the treatment of bank and nonbank lenders under the revised Regulation U adopted by the Board at the same time as the advance notice. The advance notice also invites comment on all areas of the regulations.

Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action within the next two months.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	01/16/98	63 FR 2840
Further Board action by	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Scott Holz, Counsel, Federal Reserve System, Legal Division
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RIN: 7100-AC45

4295. • REGULATION: CC— AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND COLLECTION OF CHECKS (DOCKET NUMBER: R-1031)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 4001 et seq

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 229

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In December 1998, the Board approved issuing for public comment an advance notice of proposed rulemaking on the potential benefits and drawbacks of a modification to Regulation CC that would shorten the maximum hold for many nonlocal checks from five to four business days (63 FR 69027, December 15, 1998). This modification would allow a depository bank to retain a five-day schedule for categories on nonlocal checks for which it certifies that it does not receive a sufficient proportion of returned checks within four business days. This proposal is one of several alternative modifications to the nonlocal check availability schedule that the Board is considering. The objective of such a rule change would be to provide bank customers with faster funds availability when appropriate, in accordance with the Expedited Funds Availability Act. If adopted, shorter availability schedules would affect all depository

institutions. The Board does not believe that the shorter schedules would be likely to have a significant economic impact on small institutions, as a substantial number of those institutions already provide availability for nonlocal checks faster than the regulatory maximum time frames.

Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action during the first half of 1999.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	12/15/98	63 FR 69027
Further Board action by	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 7100-AC57

4296. SECTION 303 REGULATORY REVIEW (SECTION 610 REVIEW)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 4803(a)(1); 5 USC 610

CFR Citation: 12 CFR ch II

Legal Deadline:

Other, Statutory, September 23, 1996, Progress Report due to Congress.

Abstract: In response to the requirements of section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994, the Board is reviewing its regulations for purposes of streamlining, improving efficiency, reducing unnecessary costs, and removing inconsistencies and outmoded/duplicative requirements. The Board is also working jointly with the other banking agencies to make uniform regulations and guidelines implementing common statutory and supervisory policies. A regulatory review timetable was published in the Federal Register in October 1995 (60 FR 53546, October 16, 1995). A progress report was sent to the Congress in September 1996. Within the next twelve months, it is expected that the Board will seek public comment during the course of the reviews of the

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regulations/policy statements/other regulatory guidance listed below. Reviews already proposed for public comment appear elsewhere in the Agenda.

Items below indicated with an asterisk will also be reviewed by the Board in accordance with the periodic review requirements of section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act:

Regulations H and Y, Appendices, Capital Adequacy Guidelines.

*Regulation Z, Truth in Lending.

*Regulation DD, Truth in Savings.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board action expected during the next twelve months	02/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 7100-AC09

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4297. REGULATION: B—EQUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY; AND REGULATION: Z—TRUTH IN LENDING (DOCKET NUMBERS: R-1006 AND R-1005)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 1601 et seq; 12 USC 4301 et seq

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 202; 12 CFR 213; 12 CFR 226; 12 CFR 230

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In March 1998, the Board issued for public comment proposals to amend its consumer regulations, B (Equal Credit Opportunity), and Z (Truth in Lending), to permit electronic communications to substitute generally for oral or written disclosures documentation, and notices required under the individual regulations (63 FR 14548, March 25, 1998). Comment was also requested on similar amendments to Regulations M (Consumer Leasing) and DD (Truth in Savings) described in separate entries in the Agenda (see Docket Numbers: R-1004 and R-1003). At the same time, similar amendments to Regulation E, proposed as part of the Board's overall review of its regulations as required by section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994, were adopted as an interim rule (Docket Number: R-0919; RIN: 7100-AC06). The Board identified the use of electronic communication between consumers and financial institutions as an area that offered an opportunity to reduce regulatory compliance burden without adversely affecting consumer protections.

It is not anticipated that the proposals would have a significant economic impact on small institutions. Based on comments received in response to the March proposals, it is expected that the

Board will consider publishing for comment additional proposals within the next two months.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	03/25/98	63 FR 14548
Further Board action by	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 7100-AC46

4298. REGULATION: D—RESERVE REQUIREMENTS OF DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS (DOCKET NUMBER: R-0956)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 248(a); 12 USC 248(c); 12 USC 371a; 12 USC 461; 12 USC 601; 12 USC 611; 12 USC 3105

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 204

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In December 1996, the Board issued for public comment a proposed rule that would revise and clarify the definition of "savings deposit" consistent with comments received in connection with the Board's June 1996 proposal to simplify Regulation D. The proposal would also make conforming changes to the definition of "transaction account" (61 FR 96054, December 31, 1996). No substantive change in the regulation is intended. It is not expected that the proposal will have a significant adverse impact upon

a substantial number of small entities. Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action by mid-year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	12/31/96	61 FR 69054
Further Board action by	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Rick Heyke, Staff Attorney, Federal Reserve System, Legal Division
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RIN: 7100-AC11

4299. REGULATION: E—ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS (DOCKET NUMBERS: R-0919 AND R-1002)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 1693 et seq

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 205

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In May 1996, the Board issued for public comment proposed amendments to Regulation E imposing modified requirements on stored-value products in systems that track individual transactions, cards, or consumers and providing an exemption for cards on which a maximum value of \$100 can be stored (Docket Number: R-0919; 61 FR 19696, May 2, 1996).

The Board also proposed extending the error resolution time limits for new accounts and permitting electronic communications to substitute generally for oral or written disclosures documentation, and notices required under Regulation E.

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The proposals were part of the Board's overall review of its regulations as required by section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 and section 610(c) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1994. It is not expected that the proposals would have a significant economic impact on small institutions.

In March 1998, following review of the public comments, the Board issued an interim rule, with request for comments, to permit electronic communications to substitute for disclosures, documentation, and notices under Regulation E (Docket Number: R-1002; 63 FR 14528, March 25, 1998). In September 1998, the Board adopted the proposal extending the time periods resolving errors on new accounts substantially as proposed (63 FR 52115, September 29, 1998). Based on public comments received, it is anticipated that the Board will consider publishing additional proposals for comment on the electronic communications rule within the next two months. Action on the stored-value card amendment is expected by year-end.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	05/02/96	61 FR 19696
Board adopted interim rule on electronic communications	03/25/98	63 FR 14528
Board adopted final rule on new accounts	09/29/98	63 FR 52115
Further Board action on electronic communications by	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: John C. Wood, Senior Attorney, Federal Reserve System, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs

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RIN: 7100-AC06

4300. REGULATION: H—MEMBERSHIP OF STATE BANKING INSTITUTIONS IN THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM (DOCKET NUMBER: R-0950)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 36; 12 USC 248(a); 12 USC 248(c); 12 USC 321 to 338a; 12 USC 371d; 12 USC 461; 12

USC 481 to 486; 12 USC 601; 12 USC 611; 12 USC 1814; 12 USC 1818; 12 USC 1823(j); 12 USC 1828(o); 12 USC 1831o; 12 USC 1831p-1; ...

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 208**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: In December 1996, the Board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency jointly published for comment a proposed regulation establishing a professional qualification program for banks that engage in retail recommendations and sales of certain securities using their own employees (61 FR 68824, December 30, 1996). The proposed regulation will establish qualification testing registration and continuing education requirements for bank employees that act in the capacity of bank securities representatives. The proposed requirements will be based on the professional qualification rules of the securities self-regulatory organizations. It is not anticipated that the proposal will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small banks.

Following review of the public comments and coordination with the other agencies, the Board is expected to take further action within the next two months.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	12/30/96	61 FR 68824
Further Board action by	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 7100-AC14

4301. • REGULATION: H—MEMBERSHIP OF STATE BANKING INSTITUTIONS; REGULATION: K—INTERNATIONAL BANKING OPERATIONS; AND REGULATION: Y—BANK HOLDING COMPANIES (DOCKET NUMBER: R-1019)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 1818(s)(1); 12 USC 1831p-1(a)(2)

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 208; 12 CFR 211; 12 CFR 225

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In December 1998, the Board approved issuing for public comment a proposal to require domestic and foreign banking organizations supervised by the Board to develop and maintain "Know Your Customer" programs (63 FR 67516, December 7, 1998). As proposed, the regulations would require each banking organization to develop a program designed to determine the identity of its customers; determine its customers' sources of funds; determine, understand, and monitor the normal and expected transactions of its customers; and report appropriately any transactions of its customers that are determined to be suspicious, in accordance with the Board's existing suspicious activity reporting regulations. The proposal is intended to protect the reputation of the bank, facilitate the bank's compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations (including the Bank Secrecy Act and the suspicious activity reporting requirements of 12 CFR 208.20) and with safe and sound banking practices, and protect the bank from becoming a vehicle for or a victim of illegal activities perpetrated by its customers. By requiring banking organizations to determine the identity of their customers, as well as to obtain knowledge regarding the legitimate activities of their customers, it is believed that the proposed regulation will reduce the likelihood that banking organizations will become unwitting participants in illicit activities conducted or attempted by their customers.

It is not expected that the proposal will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities subject to the Board's regulation. Board staff has been meeting with staffs of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit

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Insurance Corporation, and the Office of Thrift Supervision, all of whom issued similar regulations, to review the unprecedented number of public comments and consider options for further action. The "Know Your Customer" proposal is expected to be considered by the Board on March 23, while action on technical amendments to Regulations K and Y in R-1019 is expected within the next two months.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	12/07/98	63 FR 67516
Board consideration of "Know Your Customer" on	03/23/99	
Board action on technical amendments	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Richard Small, Assistant Director, Federal Reserve System, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation
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RIN: 7100-AC59

4302. REGULATION: H—MEMBERSHIP OF STATE BANKING INSTITUTIONS IN THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM; AND REGULATION: Y—BANK HOLDING COMPANIES AND CHANGE IN BANK CONTROL (DOCKET NUMBER: R-0930)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 36; 12 USC 248(a); 12 USC 248(c); 12 USC 321 to 338a; 12 USC 371d; 12 USC 461; 12 USC 481 to 486; 12 USC 601; 12 USC 611; 12 USC 1814; 12 USC 1823(j); 12 USC 1828(o); 12 USC 1831(o); 12 USC 1831p-1; 12 USC 3105; ...

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 208 app A**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: In August 1996, the Board issued for public comment a proposal to revise the risk-based capital treatment for certain collateralized transactions (61 FR 42565, August 16, 1996). Under the Board's existing risk-based capital treatment, the portion of a transaction that is supported by qualifying collateral (that is, cash or OECD government securities) is risk-weighted at 20 percent. Transactions that are fully supported by collateral

with a positive margin may be eligible for a zero percent risk weight. Generally, the proposal would permit a portion of a transaction that is fully supported with a positive margin of collateral to be eligible for a zero percent risk weight. The portion that is to be continuously collateralized must be specified by the parties.

This proposal was developed on an interagency basis and, if adopted, would eliminate one of the substantive differences among the agencies with regard to the risk-based capital treatment for collateralized transactions. It would implement part of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994, which requires the agencies to make uniform regulations and guidelines implementing common supervisory policies. The effect of the proposal would be to allow institutions to hold less capital for certain collateralized transactions. It is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Following review of the public comments and development of an interagency final rule, the Board is expected to take further action by mid-year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	08/16/96	61 FR 42565
Further Board action by	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: John Connolly, Supervisory Financial Analyst, Federal Reserve System, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation
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RIN: 7100-AC13

4303. REGULATION: H—MEMBERSHIP OF STATE BANKING INSTITUTIONS IN THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM; AND REGULATION: Y—BANK HOLDING COMPANIES AND CHANGE IN BANK CONTROL (DOCKET NO: R-0947 & R-0948)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 36; 12 USC 248(a); 12 USC 248(c); 12 USC 321 to 338a; 12 USC 371d; 12 USC 461; 12 USC 481 to 486; 12 USC 601; 12 USC

611; 12 USC 1814; 12 USC 1816; 12 USC 1818; 12 USC 1823(j); 12 USC 1828(o); 12 USC 1831o; ...

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 208 app A; 12 CFR 208 app B; 12 CFR 225 app A; 12 CFR 225 app D

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In October 1997, the Board issued for public comment proposals to revise the Federal Reserve's risk-based capital treatment for junior liens on 1- to 4-family residential properties and for investments in mutual funds (62 FR 55686, October 27, 1997). The proposals also simplify the Federal Reserve's leverage capital guidelines for banks and make the leverage capital guidelines for bank holding companies consistent with the definition of a well-capitalized bank holding company for expedited applications purposes.

The proposals were issued on an interagency basis as part of the efforts under section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 to make interagency guidelines uniform. In June 1998, following review of the public comments, the Board adopted the proposed revisions to the bank holding company leverage ratio (63 FR 30369, June 4, 1998). Action by the Board and other agencies on the proposals for banks and thrifts is expected within the next two months. The proposed changes will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities subject to the Board's regulation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	10/27/97	62 FR 55686
Board adopted bank holding company proposal	06/04/98	63 FR 30369
Further Board action by	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 7100-AC29

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4304. REGULATION: H—MEMBERSHIP OF STATE BANKING INSTITUTIONS IN THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM; AND REGULATION: Y—BANK HOLDING COMPANIES AND CHANGE IN BANK CONTROL (DOCKET NUMBER: R-0985)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 36; 12 USC 248(a); 12 USC 248(c); 12 USC 321 to 338; 12 USC 371d; 12 USC 461; 12 USC 481 to 486; 12 USC 601; 12 USC 611; 12 USC 1814; 12 USC 1817(j)(13); 12 USC 1818; 12 USC 1823(j); 12 USC 1828(o); 12 USC 1831i

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 208 app A; 12 CFR 225 app A

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In May 1994, the Board issued for public comment two proposals on the capital treatment of recourse arrangements and direct credit substitutes. The first proposal: (1) formally defines recourse and direct credit substitutes; (2) reduces the risk-based capital charge for low-level recourse arrangements to the maximum amount of possible loss under the recourse obligation up to the effective capital charge; and (3) requires the same risk-based capital charge for first-loss direct credit substitutes as is currently applied to recourse transactions (59 FR 27115, May 25 1994). The second proposal, an advance notice of proposed rulemaking, sought public comment on an approach to assessing risk-based capital on banking organizations' risk exposures associated with certain asset securitizations. Under this approach, the capital charge would be based upon the relative risk of loss.

Subsequent to the issuance of this proposal, the Board issued a regulation limiting the amount of risk-based capital an insured depository institution is required to hold for assets transferred with recourse to the maximum amount of recourse for which the institution is contractually liable (60 FR 8177, February 13 1995).

In November 1997, the Board requested public comment on a revised proposal that sets forth the definitions and capital treatments discussed above (62 FR 59944, November 5, 1997). In addition, the proposal requests comment on several alternative approaches to assessing capital against

asset securitizations including the use of internal bank information.

Small entities would be affected by the final rule and the two proposals only to the extent that they engage in extending recourse arrangements and direct credit substitutes or purchasing asset-backed securities. It is not expected that the proposals will have a significant economic impact on small institutions. Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action by mid-year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	05/25/94	59 FR 27115
Board adopted one aspect of the proposal	02/13/95	60 FR 8177
Board requested comment on a revised proposal	11/05/97	62 FR 59944
Further Board action by	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 7100-AB77

4305. REGULATION: K—INTERNATIONAL BANKING OPERATIONS (DOCKET NUMBER: R-0994)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major under 5 USC 801.

Legal Authority: 12 USC 221 et seq; 12 USC 248(i); 12 USC 248(k); 12 USC 1818; 12 USC 1835a; 12 USC 1841 et seq; 12 USC 3101 et seq; 12 USC 3109 et seq

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 211

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In December 1997, consistent with section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994, the International Banking Act of 1978, and section 2222 of the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 the Board reviewed and proposed for public comment a number of changes to

Regulation K which governs international banking operations (62 FR 68424, December 31, 1997). Subpart A of Regulation K governs the foreign investments and activities of all member banks. The proposed amendments include streamlined foreign branching procedures for U.S. banking organizations, authorization of expanded activities in foreign branches of U.S. banks, and expansion of the authority of U.S. banking organizations to engage in equity dealing and underwriting and to make venture capital investments outside the United States. Subpart B of Regulation K governs the U.S. activities of foreign banking organizations. The proposed amendments include revisions aimed at streamlining the applications procedures applicable to foreign banks seeking to expand operations in the United States, changes to provisions regarding the qualification of certain foreign banking organizations for exemption from the nonbanking prohibitions of section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act, and implementation of provisions of the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 that affect foreign banks. In addition, a number of technical and clarifying amendments to subparts A and B, as well as to subpart C which governs export trading companies, and certain amendments to the Board's Rules Regarding Delegation of Authority have been proposed.

The proposed amendments are not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action within the next six months.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	12/31/97	62 FR 68424
Further Board action by	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 7100-AC47

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**4306. REGULATION: L—
MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL
INTERLOCKS (DOCKET NUMBER: R-
1013)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 3201 et seq**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 212**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: In August 1998, the Board, along with the other Federal depository institution regulatory agencies, approved issuing for public comment a proposal to amend regulations, including the Board's Regulation L, governing depository institution management interlocks to reflect certain statutory changes (63 FR 43051, August 11, 1998). In addition to implementing these statutory changes, the agencies also proposed a small market share exemption for institutions that, on a combined basis, control less than 20 percent of the deposits in a community or relevant metropolitan statistical area. The exemption is intended to enlarge the pool of management talent upon which depository institutions may draw and thereby enhance the competitiveness of these institutions.

It is not anticipated that the proposal will have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities subject to the Board's regulation. Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action within the next six months.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	08/11/98	63 FR 43051
Further Board action by	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Thomas Corsi, Senior Counsel, Federal Reserve System, Legal Division

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RIN: 7100-AC56**4307. REGULATION: M—CONSUMER
LEASING (DOCKET NUMBER: R-1004)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 1667**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 213**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: As part of the Board's overall review of its regulations under section 610(c) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1994 and section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994, the Board determined that the use of electronic communications to deliver information to consumers that is required by Federal consumer financial services and fair lending laws could effectively reduce regulatory compliance burden without adversely affecting consumer protections. In March 1998, the Board approved issuing for public comment a proposal to amend Regulation M that would allow lessors to deliver by electronic communication the disclosures required by the Consumer Leasing Act and the Board's regulation, if the consumer agrees to such delivery (63 FR 14538, March 25, 1998). In addition, the proposal contains several technical amendments that would be made to the regulation and commentary.

In September 1998, the Board adopted several technical amendments, and provided guidance on the treatment of taxes and on rounding issues related to the payment calculation disclosure (63 FR 52107, September 29, 1998). Based on public comments, it is anticipated that the Board will consider publishing additional proposals for comment within the next two months to permit lessors to deliver by electronic communication disclosures required by the act and the Board's regulation.

It is not anticipated that the rule will have any significant impact on small entities. The rule relieves compliance burden and gives lessors flexibility in providing disclosures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	03/25/98	63 FR 14538
Board adopted technical amendments	09/29/98	63 FR 52107
Further Board action on electronic communications by	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Obrea O. Poindexter, Staff Attorney, Federal Reserve System, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs

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RIN: 7100-AC53**4308. • REGULATION: CC—
AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND
COLLECTION OF CHECKS (DOCKET
NUMBER: R-1027)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 4001 et seq**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 229**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: In December 1998, the Board issued for public comment proposed amendments to Regulation CC to allow banks that consummate a merger on or after July 1, 1998, and before June 1, 1999, greater time to implement software changes related to the merger (63 FR 66499, December 2, 1998). Comment is requested on the need for this amendment and whether the proposed liberalization of the regulation's merger transaction provisions is adequate to avoid contention for programming and testing resources necessary to manage banks' Year 2000 readiness efforts that otherwise would be created by these requirements.

The proposed amendments are intended to provide relief to banks involved in mergers, including small institutions, by reducing required changes to their automation environment during the period surrounding the century rollover, and should not have a negative economic impact on small institutions. Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action within the next two months.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	12/02/98	63 FR 66499
Further Board action by	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jean Anderson, Staff Attorney, Federal Reserve System, Legal Division
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4309. REGULATION: DD—TRUTH IN SAVINGS (DOCKET NUMBER: R-1003)**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 4301 et seq**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 230**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Sections 261 to 275 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 require depository institutions to provide a schedule of terms, rates, and fees for deposit accounts offered by the institution. The law also sets forth rules for advertisements for deposit accounts.

In September 1996, the Congress amended the Truth in Savings Act (TISA) as a part of the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996. The amendments repeal the definition of "indoor lobby sign," eliminate any disclosure requirements for nonrenewing time accounts with terms less than 30 days, and exempt certain credit unions from coverage. In March 1998, the Board issued for public comment a proposal that would implement the statutory changes (63 FR 14533, March 25, 1998). The proposal would also allow depository institutions to deliver by electronic communication disclosures required by TISA and the Board's regulation, if the consumer agrees to such delivery.

In September 1998 following review of the public comments, the Board adopted final amendments implementing the statutory changes substantially as proposed (63 FR 52106, September 29, 1998). It is not expected that there will be a significant economic impact on small institutions. Based on public comments received on the electronic communications proposal, it is expected that the Board will consider publishing additional proposals for comment within the next two months.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	03/25/98	63 FR 14533
Board adopted statutory changes	09/29/98	63 FR 52106
Further Board action on electronic communications by	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Obrea O. Poindexter, Staff Attorney, Federal Reserve System, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs

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RIN: 7100-AC34**4310. APPLICABILITY OF SECTIONS 23A AND 23B OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE ACT TO TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN A MEMBER BANK AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES (DOCKET NUMBER: R-0977)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 371c(b)(1)(E)**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 250.243**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act restrict the ability of a member bank to fund an affiliate through direct investment, loans, or other transactions. In July 1997, the Board issued for public comment a proposal to apply sections 23A and 23B to transactions between a member bank and any subsidiary that engages in activities that are impermissible for the bank itself and that Congress has not previously exempted from coverage by section 23A (62 FR 37744, July 15, 1997). The proposed treatment is largely consistent with the existing treatment of these subsidiaries by the other banking agencies, which have applied sections 23A and 23B in some form to transactions between a bank and such subsidiaries. The issuance of the proposals will avoid the application of sections 23A and 23B on an ad hoc basis by different agencies, which could result in confusion and inconsistencies.

The proposal is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses. Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action by mid-year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	07/15/97	62 FR 37744
Further Board action by	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal**Agency Contact:** Pamela G. Nardolilli, Senior Attorney, Federal Reserve System, Legal Division
Phone: 202 452-3289**RIN:** 7100-AC42**4311. APPLICABILITY OF SECTION 23A TO THE PURCHASE OF SECURITIES FROM CERTAIN AFFILIATES AND TO LOANS AND EXTENSIONS OF CREDIT MADE BY A MEMBER BANK TO A THIRD PARTY (DOCKET NOS: R-1015 & R-1016)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 371c**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 250**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: In June 1998, the Board issued for public comment two proposed rules to exempt certain transactions from the restrictions of section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act (63 FR 32766, June 16, 1998). Section 23A restricts the ability of a member bank to fund its affiliates through direct investment, loans, or certain other transactions (covered transactions). These proposals are in response to concerns raised by organizations when the Board earlier proposed removal of certain firewalls between insured depository institutions and their section 20 securities affiliates. Several petitioners stated then that although the removal of the firewalls was welcomed, section 23A continued to limit certain transactions with their section 20 subsidiaries that do not raise significant safety and soundness issues and impeded the efficient operation of the insured depository institutions.

In Docket Number: R-1015, the Board is proposing to expand the kind of assets that may be eligible for the (d)(6) exemption to include securities that, although not so widely traded as to warrant publication of their activity in publications of general circulation, are actively traded and whose price can be obtained from independent reliable sources, if the securities are purchased from a registered broker-dealer.

In Docket Number: R-1016, the Board is proposing to grant two exemptions from section 23A for certain loans and extension of credit made by an insured depository institution to customers that use the proceeds to purchase certain securities from or through the depository institution's registered broker-dealer affiliate. The first

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exemption would apply when the affiliate is acting solely as a broker or riskless principal in the securities transaction. The second exemption would apply when the extension of credit is made pursuant to a pre-existing line of credit that was not established for the purposes of buying securities from or through an affiliate.

Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action by mid-year. It is not anticipated that the proposals will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	06/16/98	63 FR 32766
Further Board action by	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 7100-AC52

4312. RULES REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION (DOCKET NUMBER: R-0917)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552; 12 USC 248(i); 12 USC 248(k); 12 USC 321 et seq; 12 USC 611 et seq; 12 USC 1442; 12 USC 1817(a)(2)(A); 12 USC 1817(a)(8); 12 USC 1818(u); 12 USC 1818(v); 12 USC 1821(o); 12 USC 1821(t); 12 USC 1830; 12 USC 1844; 12 USC 1951 et seq; ...

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 261

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In February 1996, the Board issued for public comment proposed amendments to its Rules Regarding Availability of Information (61 FR 7436, February 28, 1996). The proposed amendments, although primarily technical in nature, are intended to improve the Board's efficiency in processing requests for the disclosure of publicly available information as well as confidential supervisory information. It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities subject to the regulation.

In light of the passage of time since the Board's February 1996 proposal was

issued for public comment, the Board will make changes in that proposal based on the comments received and will reissue revised proposed amendments for further comment. The February 1996 proposal deals primarily with the discretionary authority of the Board's General Counsel to produce information. These amendments are part of the Board's overall review of its regulations as required by section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994. Further Board action on the remainder of the regulation is expected by year-end.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	02/28/96	61 FR 7436
Further Board action by	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 7100-AC22

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4313. REGULATION: E—ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS (DOCKET NUMBER: R-1007)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 1693 et seq

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 205

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In March 1998, the Board issued for public comment proposed amendments to Regulation E to eliminate the extended time periods for investigating error claims involving point-of-sale (POS) debit card and foreign-initiated electronic fund transfers (63 FR 14555, March 25, 1998). Under Regulation E, financial institutions generally have 10 business days to provisionally credit an account and up to 45 calendar days to complete an investigation of a claimed error involving an electronic fund transfer to

or from a consumer account. For POS and foreign transactions, institutions have up to 20 business days to provisionally credit an account and up to 90 calendar days to complete the investigation. The proposed rule also contained a technical amendment to a model form.

In September 1998, following review of the public comments, the Board adopted the amendments substantially as proposed, except that the Board did not reduce the 90 calendar days to complete an investigation (63 FR 52115, September 29, 1998). The rule also included final action on the proposal extending the time periods resolving errors on new accounts, published for comment in May 1996 (Docket Number: R-0919; RIN: 7100-AC06). That amendment was also adopted substantially as proposed.

It is not expected that the final rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small institutions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	03/25/98	63 FR 14555
Board adopted proposal	09/29/98	63 FR 52115

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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4314. REGULATION: H—MEMBERSHIP OF STATE BANKING INSTITUTIONS IN THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM; AND REGULATION: Y—BANK HOLDING COMPANIES AND CHANGE IN BANK CONTROL (DOCKET NUMBER: R-0982)**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 36; 12 USC 248(a); 12 USC 248(c); 12 USC 321 to 338a; 12 USC 371d; 12 USC 461; 12 USC 481 to 486; 12 USC 601; 12 USC 611; 12 USC 1814; 12 USC 1816; 12 USC 1818; 12 USC 1823(j); 12 USC 1828(o); 12 USC 1831o; ...**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 208 app A; 12 CFR 225 app A**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** In October 1997, as part of a joint interagency proposal, the Board requested public comment on revisions to the Federal Reserve's risk-based capital guidelines to permit certain revaluation gains on equity securities in Tier 2 capital (62 FR 55682, October 27, 1997). Under the proposal an institution would be permitted to include in Tier 2 capital up to 45 percent of its unrealized revaluation gains on prudently valued equity securities. This treatment is consistent with the Basel Accord.

In September 1998, following review of the public comments, the Board adopted the revisions substantially as proposed (63 FR 46518, September 1, 1998). It is not expected that the proposal will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities subject to the Board's regulation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	10/27/97	62 FR 55682
Board adopted proposal	09/01/98	63 FR 46518

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Barbara Bouchard, Manager, Federal Reserve System, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation
Phone: 202 452-3072**RIN:** 7100-AC39**4315. REGULATION: J—COLLECTION OF CHECKS AND OTHER ITEMS BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS; AND REGULATION: CC—AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND COLLECTION OF CHECKS (DOCKET NUMBER: R-1009)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 248(i); 12 USC 248(j); 12 USC 248(o); 12 USC 342; 12 USC 360; 12 USC 464; 12 USC 4001 et seq**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 210; 12 CFR 229**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** In March 1998, the Board approved issuing for public comment an advance notice of proposed rulemaking regarding the benefits and drawbacks associated with the provisions of Regulation CC that require a paying bank to settle with a presenting bank for checks on the same day the checks are presented, as long as the checks are presented by 8:00 a.m. local time at specified locations (63 FR 12700, March 16, 1998). The Board also requested comment on the effects of additional changes to Regulations J and CC to reduce the legal disparities between the Federal Reserve Banks and private-sector banks in the presentment and settlement of checks. The objective of such rule changes would be to promote competition in check collection services, which should promote efficiencies and spur innovation.

In December 1998, based on its analysis of the comments received, the Board concluded that the costs associated with reducing the remaining legal disparities would outweigh any payments system efficiency gains. Therefore, the Board decided not to propose any specific regulatory changes for the time being (63 FR 68701, December 14, 1998).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	03/16/98	63 FR 12700
Termination of proposed rulemaking	12/14/98	63 FR 68701

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Stephanie Martin, Senior Counsel, Federal Reserve System, Legal Division

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RIN: 7100-AC50**4316. REGULATION: Y—BANK HOLDING COMPANIES AND CHANGE IN BANK CONTROL (DOCKET NUMBER: R-0990)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 1817(j)(13); 12 USC 1818; 12 USC 1828o; 12 USC 1831i; 12 USC 1831p-1; 12 USC 1843(c)(8); 12 USC 1844(b); 12 USC 1972(1); 12 USC 3106; 12 USC 3108; 12 USC 3310; 12 USC 3331 to 3351; 12 USC 3907; 12 USC 3909**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 225**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** In December 1997, the Board approved issuing for public comment a proposal to exempt any transaction involving the underwriting or dealing of mortgage-backed securities from the Board's appraisal requirements (62 FR 64997, December 9, 1997). This amendment would permit a nonbank subsidiary of a bank holding company engaged in underwriting and dealing in securities (a so-called section 20 subsidiary) to underwrite and deal in mortgage-backed securities without demonstrating that the loans underlying the securities are supported by appraisals that meet the Board's appraisal requirements. As the proposal notes, the Board believes the public rating or due diligence that the market requires for mortgage-backed securities provides information that is at least as sufficient for assessing risks as new appraisals for the underlying loans. The Board proposed this amendment to address concerns raised by bank holding companies regarding the inability of section 20 subsidiaries to actively participate in the commercial mortgage-backed securities market due to the appraisal restrictions of subpart G.

It is not anticipated that the proposal will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities subject to the Board's regulation. In December 1998, following review of the public comments, the Board adopted the final rule substantially as proposed (63 FR 65530, November 27, 1998).

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	12/09/97	62 FR 64997
Board adopted proposal	11/27/98	63 FR 65530

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Mark E. Van Der Weide, Attorney, Federal Reserve System, Legal Division
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