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The following report forms and instructions for the June 30, 2016, reporting date have been posted to the Federal Reserve Board's website at www.federalreserve.gov under "Reporting Forms":

- Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 002);

- Supplemental Report of Assets and Liabilities of a Non-U.S. Branch that is Managed or Controlled by a U.S. Branch or agency of a Foreign (Non-U.S.) Bank (FFIEC 002s); and

- The Country Exposure Report for U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 019)

There are no changes to the FFIEC 002, FFIEC 002S, or FFIEC 019 reporting forms or instructions for the June 30, 2016 report date. However, institutions should note that the format of the fields for reporting dollar amounts, numbers, and dates in the sample FFIEC 002 and FFIEC 002s forms has been revised, starting with the 2016 reporting dates.

Transition to Reporting Central

The Country Exposure report for U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 019) has migrated to Reporting Central as of the March 31, 2014 report date. This report will be available electronically by manual data entry into the Reporting Central application and file uploads will not be accepted at this time. For institutions that do not choose to file this report electronically, the Federal Reserve will continue to accept paper copy submissions.

The Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 002) and the Report of Assets and Liabilities of Non-U.S. Branch that is Managed or Controlled by a U.S. Branch or Agency of a Foreign (Non-U.S.) Bank (FFIEC 002S) has migrated to Reporting Central, as of the June 30, 2014 report date. Both file uploads and manual data entry into the Reporting Central application are accepted. For institutions that do not choose to file this report electronically, the Federal Reserve will continue to accept paper copy submissions. The Federal Reserve developed Reporting Central to enhance the overall reporting

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functionality of the Federal Reserve Banks' data collection and processing activities. These enhancements will allow for a more secure, technically advanced, and efficient system that will encompass a single point of entry for electronic submission and file uploads. Financial and nonfinancial institutions will access Reporting Central via the FedLine® Web access solution to submit reports and gain access to electronic reporting applications, report forms, and instructions. Additional information about the Reporting Central application, including an online resource center, is available at: http://www.frbservices.org/centralbank/reportingcentral/index.html. If you have any questions regarding these changes please contact your Reporting and Reserves District Contact.

Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments Related to a Business Combination

In September 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2015-16, "Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments." Under Accounting Standards Codification Topic 805, Business Combinations (formerly FASB Statement No. 141(R), "Business Combinations"), if the initial accounting for a business combination is incomplete by the end of the reporting period in which the combination occurs, the acquirer reports provisional amounts in its financial statements for the items for which the accounting is incomplete. During the measurement period, the acquirer is required to adjust the provisional amounts recognized at the acquisition date, with a corresponding adjustment to goodwill, to reflect new information obtained about facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date that, if known, would have affected the measurement of the amounts recognized as of that date. At present under Topic 805, an acquirer is required to retrospectively adjust the provisional amounts recognized at the acquisition date to reflect the new information. To simplify the accounting for the adjustments made to provisional amounts, ASU 2015-16 eliminates the requirement to retrospectively account for the adjustments. Accordingly, the ASU amends Topic 805 to require an acquirer to recognize adjustments to provisional amounts that are identified during the measurement period in the reporting period in which adjustment amounts are determined. Under the ASU, the acquirer also must recognize in the financial statements for the same reporting period the effect on earnings, if any, resulting from the adjustments to the provisional amounts as if the accounting for the business combination had been completed as of the acquisition date.

In general, the measurement period in a business combination is the period after the acquisition date during which the acquirer may adjust provisional amounts reported for identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and consideration transferred for the acquiree for which the initial accounting for the business combination is incomplete at the end of the reporting period in which the combination occurs. Topic 805 provides additional guidance on the measurement period, which shall not exceed one year from the acquisition date, and adjustments to provisional amounts during this period.

For institutions that are public business entities, as defined under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), ASU 2015-16 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2015. For institutions that are not public business entities (i.e., that are private companies), the ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. The ASU's amendments to Topic 805 should be applied prospectively to adjustments to provisional amounts that occur after the effective date of the ASU. Thus, the branch or agency with a calendar year fiscal year that is a public business entity were required to apply the ASU to any adjustments to provisional amounts that occur after January 1, 2016, beginning with the FFIEC 002 report for March 31, 2016. A branch or agency with a calendar year fiscal year that is a private company must apply the ASU to the FFIEC 002 report for December 31, 2017. Early application of ASU 2015-16 is permitted in the FFIEC 002 report that has not been submitted.

For additional information, institutions should refer to ASU 2015-16, which is available at http://www.fasb.org/jsp/FASB/Page/SectionPage&cid=1176156316498.

Debt Issuance Cost

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2015-03, "Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs." This ASU requires debt issuance costs associated with a recognized debt liability to be presented as a direct deduction from the face amount of the related debt liability, similar to debt discounts. The ASU is limited to the presentation of debt issuance costs; therefore, the recognition and measurement guidance for such costs is unaffected. At present, Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Subtopic 835-30, Interest − Imputation of Interest, requires debt issuance costs to be reported on the balance sheet as an asset (i.e., a deferred charge). For FFIEC 002 purposes, the costs of issuing debt currently are reported, net of accumulated amortization, in Schedule RAL, item 1.h, "Other assets including other claims on nonrelated parties."

For branches and agencies that are public business entities, as defined under U.S. GAAP, ASU 2015-03 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2015. For example, branches and agencies with a calendar year fiscal year that are public business entities were required to apply the ASU in their FFIEC 002 beginning March 31, 2016. For branches and agencies that are not public business entities (i.e., that are private companies), the ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016. Thus, branches and agencies with a calendar year fiscal year that are private companies must apply the ASU in their December 31, 2016, and subsequent quarterly FFIEC 002 reports. Early adoption of the guidance in ASU 2015-03 is permitted.

After a branch or agency adopts ASU 2015-03, any transaction involving a recognized debt liability in which debt issuance costs were incurred and classified as deferred charges in "Other assets" before the adoption of the ASU should be reported as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the related debt liability and included in the appropriate balance sheet category of liabilities in FFIEC 002 Schedule RAL, e.g., item 4.c, "Other borrowed money". However, the guidance in ASU 2015-03 does not address the presentation or subsequent measurement of debt issuance costs related to line-of-credit arrangements. Accordingly, the agencies would not object to an institution deferring and presenting debt issuance costs as an "Other asset" and subsequently amortizing the deferred debt issuance costs ratably over the term of the line of credit arrangement, regardless of whether there are any outstanding borrowings on the line-of-credit arrangement.

For additional information, institutions should refer to ASU 2015-03, which is available at http://www.fasb.org/jsp/FASB/Page/SectionPage&cid=1176156316498.

Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share

In May 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-07, "Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent)." This ASU removes the requirement to categorize within the fair value hierarchy all investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value (NAV) per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient described in ASC Topic 820, Fair Value Measurement (formerly FASB Statement No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements"). It also removes the requirement to make certain disclosures for all investments that are eligible to be measured at fair value using the NAV per share practical expedient, regardless of whether the expedient has been applied. Rather, the ASU limits those disclosures to investments for which the entity has elected to measure fair value using the NAV per share practical expedient to help users of its financial statements understand the nature and risks of the investments and whether the investments, if sold, are probable of being sold at amounts different from their NAV per share (or its equivalent). In addition, although the investments are not categorized within the fair value hierarchy, the ASU requires a reporting entity to disclose the amount of investments for which fair value is measured using the NAV per share practical expedient to permit reconciliation of the fair value of investments included in the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statement of financial position.

ASC Topic 820 currently permits a reporting entity, as a practical expedient, to measure the fair value of certain investments in investment companies and real estate funds using the NAV per share of the investment. In contrast to other investments within the fair value hierarchy, which are categorized on the basis of the observability of the significant inputs in the fair value measurement, investments valued using the NAV per share practical expedient currently are categorized on the basis of whether the investment is redeemable with the investee at NAV on the measurement date, never redeemable with the investee at NAV, or redeemable with the investee at NAV at a future date.

The criteria for categorizing investments in the fair value hierarchy that are measured using the NAV per share practical expedient do not consider the observability of inputs and are therefore inconsistent with the overarching intent of the fair value hierarchy. By removing the requirement to include investments measured using the NAV per share practical expedient within the fair value hierarchy, ASU 2015-07 ensures that all investments within the hierarchy are categorized using a consistent approach. Investments that calculate NAV per share, but for which the practical expedient is not applied, must continue to be included in the fair value hierarchy.

For FFIEC 002 purposes, the issuance of ASU 2015-07 means that an institution that has adopted the ASU and elects to measure the fair value of an investment that meets criteria specified in Topic 820 using the NAV per share practical expedient should continue to report the investment's fair value in the appropriate asset item in column A of Schedule Q, Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis. However, the institution should exclude the investment from the Level 1, 2, and 3 disclosures in in columns C, D, and E of Schedule Q and it should instead report the fair value measured using the NAV per share practical expedient in column B along with the netting adjustments currently reported in column B. In contrast, if the branch or agency does not elect to measure an investment that meets criteria specified in Topic 820 using the NAV practical expedient, it must disclose in column C, D, or E of Schedule Q, as appropriate, the level within the fair value hierarchy within which its fair value measurement in its entirety falls based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

ASU 2015-07 is effective for branches and agencies that are public business entities, as defined under U.S. GAAP, for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within those fiscal years. For example, institutions with a calendar year fiscal year that are public business entities were required to apply the ASU in their FFIEC 002 reports beginning March 31, 2016. For branches and agencies that are not public business entities (i.e., that are private companies), the ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Accordingly, branches and agencies with a calendar year fiscal year that are private companies must apply the ASU in their FFIEC 002 reports beginning March 31, 2017. Earlier application is permitted. If a branch or agency has chosen to early adopt ASU 2015-07 for financial reporting purposes, the branch and agency may implement the provisions of the ASU in the manner described above in its FFIEC 002 report for the same quarter-end report date. However, prior FFIEC 002 reports should not be amended.

For additional information, institutions should refer to ASU 2015-07, which is available at http://www.fasb.org/jsp/FASB/Page/SectionPage&cid=1176156316498.

Accounting by Private Companies for Identifiable Assets in a Business Combination

In December 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-18, "Accounting for Identifiable Intangible Assets in a Business Combination," which is a consensus of the Private Company Council (PCC). This ASU provides an accounting alternative that permits a private company, as defined in U.S. GAAP (and discussed in a later section of these Supplemental Instructions), to simplify the accounting for certain intangible assets. The accounting alternative applies when a private company is required to recognize or otherwise consider the fair value of intangible assets as a result of certain transactions, including when applying the acquisition method to a business combination under ASC Topic 805, Business Combinations (formerly FASB Statement No. 141 (revised 2007), "Business Combinations").

Under ASU 2014-018, a private company that elects the accounting alternative should no longer recognize separately from goodwill:

- Customer-related intangible assets unless they are capable of being sold or licensed independently from the other assets of a business, and
- Noncompetition agreements.

However, because mortgage servicing rights and core deposit intangibles are regarded as capable of being sold or licensed independently, a private company that elects this accounting alternative must recognize these intangible assets separately from goodwill, initially measure them at fair value, and subsequently measure them in accordance with ASC Topic 350, Intangibles – Goodwill and Other (formerly FASB Statement No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets").

A private company that elects the accounting alternative in ASU 2014-18 also must adopt the private company goodwill accounting alternative described in ASU 2014-02, "Accounting for Goodwill," which is discussed in a later section of these Supplemental Instructions. However, a private company that elects the goodwill accounting alternative in ASU 2014-02 is not required to adopt the accounting alternative for identifiable intangible assets in ASU 2014-18.

A private company's decision to adopt ASU 2014-18 must be made upon the occurrence of the first business combination (or other transaction within the scope of the ASU) in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015. The effective date of the private company's decision to adopt the accounting alternative for identifiable intangible assets depends on the timing of that first transaction.

- If the first transaction occurs in the private company's first fiscal year beginning after December 15, 2015, the adoption will be effective for that fiscal year's annual financial reporting period and all interim and annual periods thereafter.

- If the first transaction occurs in a fiscal year beginning after December 15, 2016, the adoption will be effective in the interim period that includes the date of the transaction and subsequent interim and annual periods thereafter.

Early application of the intangibles accounting alternative is permitted for any annual or interim period for which a private company's financial statements have not yet been made available for issuance. Customer-related intangible assets and noncompetition agreements that exist as of the beginning of the period of adoption should continue to be accounted for separately from goodwill, i.e., such existing intangible assets should not be combined with goodwill.

A branch or agency that meets the private company definition in U.S. GAAP is permitted, but not required, to adopt ASU 2014-18 for FFIEC 002 purposes and may choose to early adopt the ASU, provided it also adopts the private company goodwill accounting alternative. If a private institution issues U.S. GAAP financial statements and adopts ASU 2014-18, it should apply the ASU's intangible asset accounting alternative in its FFIEC 002 report in a manner consistent with its reporting of intangible assets in its financial statements.

For additional information on the private company accounting alternative for identifiable intangible assets, institutions should refer to ASU 2014-18, which is available at http://www.fasb.org/jsp/FASB/Page/SectionPage&cid=1176156316498.

Private Company Accounting Alternatives, Including Accounting for Goodwill

In May 2012, the Financial Accounting Foundation, the independent private sector organization responsible for the oversight of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), approved the establishment of a Private Company Council (PCC) to improve the process of setting accounting standards for private companies. The PCC is charged with working jointly with the FASB to determine whether and in what circumstances to provide alternative recognition, measurement, disclosure, display, effective date, and transition guidance for private companies reporting under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Alternative guidance for private companies may include modifications or exceptions to otherwise applicable existing U.S. GAAP standards.

A branch or agency that is a private company, as defined in U.S. GAAP (as discussed in the next section of these Supplemental Instructions), is permitted to use private company accounting alternatives issued by the FASB when preparing the FFIEC 002 report(s), except as provided in 12 U.S.C. 1831n (a) as described in the following sentence. If the Federal Reserve determines that a particular accounting principle within U.S. GAAP, including a private company accounting alternative, is inconsistent with the statutorily specified supervisory objectives, the Federal Reserve may prescribe an accounting principle for regulatory reporting purposes that are no less stringent than U.S. GAAP. In such a situation, an institution would not be permitted to use that particular private company accounting alternative or other accounting principle within U.S. GAAP for FFIEC 002 reporting purposes. The Federal Reserve would provide appropriate notice if they were to disallow any accounting alternative under the statutory process.

On January 16, 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-02, "Accounting for Goodwill," which is a consensus of the PCC. This ASU generally permits a private company to elect to amortize goodwill on a straight-line basis over a period of ten years (or less than ten years if more appropriate) and apply a simplified impairment model to goodwill. In addition, if a private company chooses to adopt the ASU's goodwill accounting alternative, the ASU requires the private company to make an accounting policy election to test goodwill for impairment at either the entity level or the reporting unit level. Goodwill must be tested for impairment when a triggering event occurs that indicates that the fair value of an entity (or a reporting unit) may be below its carrying amount. In contrast, existing U.S. GAAP does not permit goodwill to be amortized, instead requiring goodwill to be tested for impairment at the reporting unit level annually and between annual tests in certain circumstances. The ASU's goodwill accounting alternative, if elected by a private company, is effective prospectively for new goodwill recognized in annual periods beginning after December 15, 2014, and in interim periods within annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Goodwill existing as of the beginning of the period of adoption is to be amortized prospectively over ten years (or less than ten years if more appropriate). The ASU states that early application of the goodwill accounting alternative is permitted for any annual or interim period for which a private company's financial statements have not yet been made available for issuance.

A branch or agency that meets the private company definition in ASU 2014-02, as discussed in the following section of these Supplemental Instructions (i.e., a private institution), is permitted, but not required, to adopt this ASU for FFIEC 002 reporting purposes and may choose to early adopt the ASU. If a private institution issues U.S. GAAP financial statements and adopts the ASU, it should apply the ASU's goodwill accounting alternative in its FFIEC 002 reports in a manner consistent with its reporting of goodwill in its financial statements. Thus, for example, a private institution with a calendar year fiscal year that chooses to adopt ASU 2014-02 must apply the ASU's provisions in its December 31, 2015, and subsequent quarterly FFIEC 002 report unless early application of the ASU is elected. This would require the private institution to report in its third quarter 2015 FFIEC 002 report nine months' amortization of goodwill existing as of January 1, 2015, and the amortization of any new goodwill recognized in 2015.

Private institutions choosing to early adopt the goodwill accounting alternative in ASU 2014-02 that have a fiscal year or an early application date other than the one described in the examples above should contact their Federal Reserve District Bank for reporting guidance.

For additional information on the private company accounting alternative for goodwill, institutions should refer to ASU 2014-02, which is available at http://www.fasb.org/jsp/FASB/Page/SectionPage&cid=1176156316498.

Definitions of Private Company and Public Business Entity

ASU No. 2013-12, "Definition of a Public Business Entity," which was issued in December 2013, added this term to the Master Glossary in the Accounting Standards Codification. This ASU states that a business entity, such as a branch or agency, that meets any one of five criteria set forth in the ASU is a public business entity for reporting purposes under U.S. GAAP, including FFIEC 002 reporting purposes. In contrast, a private company is a business entity that is not a public business entity. An institution that is a public business entity is not permitted to apply the private company goodwill accounting alternative discussed in the preceding section when preparing its FFIEC 002 reports.

As defined in ASU 2013-12, a business entity is a public business entity if it meets any one of the following criteria:

- It is required by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to file or furnish financial statements, or does file or furnish financial statements (including voluntary filers), with the SEC (including other entities whose financial statements or financial information are required to be or are included in a filing).

- It is required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Act), as amended, or rules or regulations promulgated under the Act, to file or furnish financial statements with a regulatory agency other than the SEC (such as one of the federal banking agencies).

- It is required to file or furnish financial statements with a foreign or domestic regulatory agency in preparation for the sale of or for purposes of issuing securities that are not subject to contractual restrictions on transfer.

- It has issued debt or equity securities that are traded, listed, or quoted on an exchange or an over-the-counter market, which includes an interdealer quotation or trading system for securities not listed on an exchange (for example, OTC Markets Group, Inc., including the OTC Pink Markets, or the OTC Bulletin Board).

- It has one or more securities that are not subject to contractual restrictions on transfer, and it is required by law, contract, or regulation to prepare U.S. GAAP financial statements (including footnotes) and make them publicly available on a periodic basis (for example, interim or annual periods). An entity must meet both of these conditions to meet this criterion.

For additional information on the definition of a public business entity, institutions should refer to ASU 2013-12, which is available at http://www.fasb.org/jsp/FASB/Page/SectionPage&cid=1176156316498.

Accounting for a Subsequent Restructuring of a Troubled Debt Restructuring

When a loan has previously been modified in a troubled debt restructuring (TDR), the lending institution and the borrower may subsequently enter into another restructuring agreement. The facts and circumstances of each subsequent restructuring of a TDR loan should be carefully evaluated to determine the appropriate accounting by the institution under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Under certain circumstances, it may be acceptable not to account for the subsequently restructured loan as a TDR. The federal financial institution regulatory agencies will not object to an institution no longer treating such a loan as a TDR if at the time of the subsequent restructuring, the borrower is not experiencing financial difficulties and, under the terms of the subsequent restructuring agreement, no concession has been granted by the institution to the borrower. To meet these conditions for removing the TDR designation, the subsequent restructuring agreement must specify market terms, including a contractual interest rate not less than a market interest rate for new debt with similar credit risk characteristics and other terms no less favorable to the institution than those it would offer for such new debt. When assessing whether a concession has been granted by the institution, the Federal Reserve considers any principal forgiveness on a cumulative basis to be a continuing concession. When determining whether the borrower is experiencing financial difficulties, the institution's assessment of the borrower's financial condition and prospects for repayment after the restructuring should be supported by a current, well-documented credit evaluation performed at the time of the restructuring.

If at the time of the subsequent restructuring the institution appropriately demonstrates that a loan meets the conditions discussed above, the impairment on the loan need no longer be measured as a TDR in accordance with ASC Subtopic 310-10, Receivables – Overall (formerly FASB Statement No.114), and the loan need no longer be disclosed as a TDR in the FFIEC 002 report, except as noted below. Accordingly, going forward, loan impairment should be measured under ASC Subtopic 450 20, Contingencies – Loss Contingencies (formerly FASB Statement No. 5). Even though the loan need no longer be measured for impairment as a TDR or disclosed as a TDR, the recorded investment in the loan should not change at the time of the subsequent restructuring (unless cash is advanced or received). In this regard, when there have been charge-offs prior to the subsequent restructuring, consistent with longstanding FFIEC 002 instructions, no recoveries should be recognized until collections on amounts previously charged off have been received. Similarly, if interest payments were applied to the recorded investment in the TDR loan prior to the subsequent restructuring, the application of these payments to the recorded investment should not be reversed nor reported as interest income at the time of the subsequent restructuring.

If the TDR designation is removed from a loan that meets the conditions discussed above and the loan is later modified in a TDR or individually evaluated and determined to be impaired, then the impairment on the loan should be measured under ASC Subtopic 310-10 and, if appropriate, the loan should be disclosed as a TDR.

For a subsequently restructured TDR loan on which there was principal forgiveness and therefore does not meet the conditions discussed above, the impairment on the loan should continue to be measured as a TDR. However, if the subsequent restructuring agreement specifies a contractual interest rate that, at the time of the subsequent restructuring, is not less than a market interest rate for new debt with similar credit risk characteristics and the loan is performing in compliance with its modified terms after the subsequent restructuring, the loan need not continue to be reported as a TDR in Schedule N, column D in calendar years after the year in which the subsequent restructuring took place. To be considered in compliance with its modified terms, a loan that is a TDR must be in accrual status and must be current or less than 30 days past due on its contractual principal and interest payments under the modified repayment terms.

Reporting Certain Government-Guaranteed Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure

In August 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-14, "Classification of Certain Government-Guaranteed Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure," to address diversity in practice for how government-guaranteed mortgage loans are recorded upon foreclosure. The ASU updates guidance contained in ASC Subtopic 310-40, Receivables – Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors (formerly FASB Statement No. 15, "Accounting by Debtors and Creditors for Troubled Debt Restructurings," as amended), because U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) previously did not provide specific guidance on how to categorize or measure foreclosed mortgage loans that are government guaranteed. The new ASU clarifies the conditions under which a creditor must derecognize a government-guaranteed mortgage loan and recognize a separate "other receivable" upon foreclosure (that is, when a creditor receives physical possession of real estate property collateralizing a mortgage loan in accordance with the guidance in ASC Subtopic 310-40).

Under the new guidance, institutions should derecognize a mortgage loan and record a separate other receivable upon foreclosure of the real estate collateral if the following conditions are met:

- The loan has a government guarantee that is not separable from the loan before foreclosure.
- At the time of foreclosure, the institution has the intent to convey the property to the guarantor and make a claim on the guarantee and it has the ability to recover under that claim.
- At the time of foreclosure, any amount of the claim that is determined on the basis of the fair value of the real estate is fixed (that is, the real estate property has been appraised for purposes of the claim and thus the institution is not exposed to changes in the fair value of the property).

This guidance is applicable to fully and partially government-guaranteed mortgage loans provided the three conditions identified above have been met.

In such situations, upon foreclosure, the separate other receivable should be measured based on the amount of the loan balance (principal and interest) expected to be recovered from the guarantor. This other receivable should be reported in Schedule RAL, "All other assets, Item 1(H)." Other real estate owned would not be recognized by the institution.

For institutions that are public business entities, as defined under U.S. GAAP, ASU 2014-14 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2014. For example, institutions with a calendar year fiscal year that are public business entities were required to apply the ASU in their FFIEC 002 reports beginning March 31, 2015. However, institutions that are not public business entities (i.e., that are private companies) were not required to apply the guidance in ASU 2014-14 until annual periods ending after December 15, 2015, and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Thus, institutions with a calendar year fiscal year that are private companies were required to apply the ASU in their December 31, 2015, and subsequent quarterly FFIEC 002 reports. Earlier adoption of the guidance in ASU 2014-14 was permitted if the institution has already adopted the amendments in ASU No. 2014-04, "Reclassification of Residential Real Estate Collateralized Consumer Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure" (which is discussed in the following section of these Supplemental Instructions).

Entities could elect to apply ASU 2014-14 on either a modified retrospective transition basis or a prospective transition basis. However, institutions must use the method of transition that is elected for ASU 2014-04 (that is, either modified retrospective or prospective). Under the less complex prospective transition method, the new guidance applies only to foreclosures of real estate property collateralizing certain government guaranteed mortgage loans (based on the criteria described above) that occur after the date of adoption of the ASU. Under the modified retrospective transition method, an institution should apply a cumulative-effect adjustment to affected accounts existing as of the beginning of the annual period for which the ASU is adopted. The cumulative-effect adjustment for this change in accounting principle should be reported in Schedule M, Part I, Item 2(a).

For additional information, institutions should refer to ASU 2014-14, which is available at http://www.fasb.org/jsp/FASB/Page/SectionPage&cid=1176156316498.

Reclassification of Residential Real Estate Collateralized Consumer Mortgage Loans Upon a Foreclosure

In January 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-04, "Reclassification of Residential Real Estate Collateralized Consumer Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure," to address diversity in practice for when certain loan receivables should be derecognized and the real estate recognized. The ASU updated guidance contained in Accounting Standards Codification Subtopic 310-40, Receivables - Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors.

Under prior accounting guidance, all loan receivables were reclassified to other real estate owned (OREO) when the institution, as creditor, obtained physical possession of the property, regardless of whether formal foreclosure proceedings had taken place. The new ASU clarifies when a creditor is considered to have received physical possession (resulting from an in-substance repossession or foreclosure) of residential real estate collateralizing a consumer mortgage loan. Under the new guidance, physical possession for these residential real estate properties is considered to have occurred and a loan receivable would be reclassified to OREO only upon:

- The institution obtaining legal title through foreclosure even if the borrower has redemption rights whereby it can legally reclaim the real estate for a period of time, or

- Completion of a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure or similar legal agreement under which the borrower conveys all interest in the residential real estate property to the institution to satisfy the loan.

Real estate-secured loans other than consumer mortgage loans collateralized by residential real estate should continue to be reclassified to OREO when the institution has received physical possession of a borrower's assets, regardless of whether formal foreclosure proceedings take place.

The ASU is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2014. However, nonpublic entities, as defined under generally accepted accounting principles, were not required to apply the guidance in the ASU to interim periods in the year of adoption.

Early adoption was permitted under the standard. FBOs electing to early adopt should include as other real estate owned on Schedule M, Part IV, item 2, all residential real estate collateral underlying consumer mortgage loans when the institution has obtained physical possession of the collateral as defined under ASU 2014-04.

FBOs can elect to apply the ASU on either a modified retrospective transition basis or a prospective transition basis. Under the less complex prospective transition method, the new guidance applies to all instances where an institution receives physical possession of residential real estate property collateralizing consumer mortgage loans that occur after the date of adoption of the ASU. Under the modified retrospective transition method, an institution should apply a cumulative-effect adjustment to residential consumer mortgage loans and OREO existing as of the beginning of the annual period for which the ASU is effective. The cumulative–effect adjustment for this change in accounting principle should be reported in Schedule M, Part I, Item 2(a). If the ASU has been adopted on a modified retrospective basis, assets reclassified from OREO to loans were to be measured at the carrying value of the real estate at the date of adoption while assets reclassified from loans to OREO were to be measured at the lower of the net amount of the loan receivable or the OREO property's fair value less costs to sell at the time of adoption.

For additional information, institutions should refer to ASU 2014-04, which is available at http://www.fasb.org/jsp/FASB/Page/SectionPage&cid=1176156316498.

Secured Consumer Debt Discharged in a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Order

Questions have arisen regarding the appropriate accounting and regulatory reporting treatment for certain secured consumer loans where (1) the loan has been discharged in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code,1 (ii) the borrower has not reaffirmed the debt, (iii) the borrower is current on payments, and (iv) the loans has not undergone a troubled debt restructuring (TDR) before the bankruptcy.

When a debtor files for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a trustee is appointed to liquidate the debtor's assets for the benefit of creditors. Generally, Chapter 7 bankruptcy results in a discharge of personal liability for certain debts that arose before the petition date. A bankruptcy discharge acts as a permanent injunction of claims against the debtor, but does not extinguish certain secured debt or any existing liens on the property securing the debt.

In general, for certain secured debt, the loan agreement (including the promissory note and, depending on the state, the security interest) entered into before bankruptcy remains in place after the debt has been discharged in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy. However, the lender may no longer pursue the borrower personally for a deficiency due to nonpayment. In addition, the institution's ability to manage the loan relationship is restricted. For example, after a borrower has completed Chapter 7 bankruptcy, an institution is limited with regard to collection efforts, communications with the borrower, loss mitigation strategies, and reporting on the discharged debt to credit bureaus.

The accounting and regulatory reporting issues that arise for secured consumer loans discharged in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy include: (1) whether the discharge is a TDR, (2) the measure of impairment, (3) whether the loan should be placed in nonaccrual status, and (4) charge-off treatment.

TDR Determination

In determining whether a secured consumer debt discharged in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy constitutes a troubled debt restructuring, a branch or agency needs to assess whether the borrower is experiencing financial difficulties and whether a concession has been granted to the borrower. Under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards

[1] II USC Chapter 7

Codification (ASC) Subtopic 310-40, a bankruptcy filing is an indicator of a borrower's financial difficulties. Determining whether a branch or agency has granted a concession in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy requires judgment. In assessing whether a concession has been granted, institutions should consider all relevant facts and circumstances, including the effect of changes to the legal rights and obligations of the lender and the borrower resulting from Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Changes taken as a whole that are not substantive may not be considered a concession.

Regardless of the impairment method used, when available information confirms that specific loans, or portions thereof, are uncollectible, these amounts should be promptly written down through a specific reserve or charge-off.

<u>Measure of Impairment</u>

If a branch or agency has concluded that the completion of a Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing has resulted in a TDR, the loan should be measured for impairment under ASC Section 310-10-35 (formerly FASB Statement No. 114, "Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan"). Under this guidance, impairment shall be measured based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, except that as a practical expedient, a branch or agency may measure impairment based on a loan's observable market price, or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. For regulatory reporting purposes, branches and agencies must measure impairment based on the fair value of the collateral when an impaired loan is determined to be collateral dependent. A loan is considered to be collateral dependent if repayment of the loan is expected to be provided solely by the underlying collateral and there are no other available and reliable sources of repayment. Judgment is required to determine whether an impaired loan is collateral dependent and a branch or agency should assess all available credit information and weigh all factors pertaining to the loan's repayment sources.

If repayment of an impaired loan is not solely dependent upon the underlying collateral, impairment would be measured based on the present value of expected future cash flows. ASC Section 310-10-35 allows impaired loans to be aggregated and measured for impairment with other impaired loans that share common risk characteristics.

Discharged secured consumer debts that are not TDRs (or are not otherwise determined to be in the scope of ASC 310-10 and held for investment) should be measured collectively for impairment under ASC Subtopic 450-20 (formerly FASB Statement No.5, "Accounting for Contingencies"). In estimating, the allowance for loan and lease losses (ALLL) under ASC Subtopic 450-20, branches and agencies should consider all available evidence and weigh all factors that affect the collectability of the loans as of the evaluation date. Factors can include the bankruptcy filing, delinquent senior liens, and negative equity in the collateral and sustained timely payment performance by the borrower.

Branches and agencies should ensure that loans are properly segmented based upon similar risk characteristics when calculating the allowance under ASC Subtopic 450-20. Borrowers of secured consumer debt discharged in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy generally are considered to have a higher credit risk profile than those borrowers that have not filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. For branches and agencies with significant holdings of these loans to borrowers who have completed a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, it is appropriate to segment these mortgage loans separately from pools of mortgage loans to borrowers who have not filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy when calculating the allowance. Branches and agencies should follow existing regulatory guidance in calculating the ALLL including, if applicable, the *Interagency Supervisory Guidance on Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses Estimation Practices for Loans and Lines of Credit Secured by Junior Liens on 1-4 Family Residential Properties,* which can be accessed at http://fedweb.frb.gov/fedweb!bsr/srltrs/sr1203.shtm.

Regardless of impairment method used, when available information confirms that specific loans or portions thereof, are uncollectible, these amounts should be promptly charged off against the allowance for loan and leases losses.

Accrual Status

Branches and agencies should follow the Glossary entry under "Nonaccrual Status" when determining whether secured consumer debt discharged in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy should be on accrual status. These instructions also address the restoration of nonaccrual assets, including any loans identified as TDRs that are in nonaccrual status, to accrual status.

Consistent with GAAP and regulatory guidance, institutions are expected to follow revenue recognition practices that do not result in overstating income. For a secured consumer loan discharged in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, whether or not it is a TDR, placing the loan on nonaccrual when payment in full of principal and interest is not expected is one appropriate method to ensure income is not overstated.

Charge-off Treatment

GAAP states that loans shall be charged off in the period in which the loans are deemed uncollectible. Because of heightened risk that loans discharged through bankruptcy may be uncollectible, the interagency *Uniform Retail Credit Classification and Account Management Policy* (Uniform Retail Credit Policy) requires such loans to be written down to collateral value (less costs to sell) within 60 days of notification from the bankruptcy court unless the institution can clearly demonstrate and document that repayment is likely to occur. To assess whether such a loan should be deemed uncollectable, a branch or agency should perform a credit analysis at the time a borrower whose loan is current completes Chapter 7 bankruptcy (hereafter, a post-discharge analysis).

If the post-discharge analysis indicates repayment of principal and interest is likely to continue, then immediate write-down to collateral value and full application of payments to reduce the recorded investment in the loan is not required.

If a credit analysis does not support that repayment of principal and interest is likely to continue, the loan should be written down to the collateral's fair value (less costs to sell). Any balance not charged off should be placed on nonaccrual when full collection of principal and interest is not expected. The Uniform Retail Credit Policy can be accessed at http://fedweb.frb.gov/fedweb/bsr/srltrs/SROOOS.htm.

As discussed in the Uniform Retail Credit Policy, evaluating the quality of a retail credit portfolio on a loan-by-loan basis is inefficient and burdensome for the institution being examined and for examiners given the generally large number of relatively small-balance loans in a retail credit portfolio. Therefore, the type of credit analysis that is performed to assess whether repayment is likely to continue may vary depending on whether the loans are managed individually or on a homogenous pool basis.

For loans managed in pools, branches and agencies may choose to evaluate the likelihood of continued repayment on a pool basis. In order for a pool analysis to be used, a branch or agency must identify various credit risk indicators that signify likelihood of continuing repayment. Such indicators might include measures of historical payment performance, loan structure, lien position, combined loan-to-value ratios, amounts paid over the minimum payment due and other pertinent factors that have been associated with payment performance in the past. Such credit risk indicators should then be considered as a whole when determining whether objective evidence supports the likelihood of continuing repayment. A branch or agency using pool-based analysis should also conduct ongoing monitoring to ensure the appropriateness of the credit risk indicators used to support the likelihood of continuing repayment.

For all loans managed individually and any loans managed on a pool basis where the pool analysis does not support likelihood of continuing repayment, a loan-level, post-discharge credit analysis would be necessary to support likelihood of continuing repayment. A loan-level, post- discharge analysis should demonstrate and document structured orderly collection, post- discharge repayment capacity, and sustained payment performance. If likelihood of continuing repayment cannot be supported, the loan should be deemed uncollectable and written down to collateral value (less costs to sell) within 60 days of notification from the bankruptcy court.

Reporting of Specific Reserves

Once a loan is written-down through a specific reserve or charge-off, a new cost basis for the asset is established. Changing this cost basis by re-booking or writing-up the loan is not permitted. Under Accounting Standard Codification (ASC) 310-10-35-37, after the initial measurement of impairment, if there is a significant change in the amount or timing of an impaired loan's expected future cash flow, the change should be applied by adjusting the valuation allowance.

On the FFIEC 002, loans that are written down through the application of a specific reserve are treated in an identical manner as loans that are partially or wholly charged-off. Therefore, recoveries on loans for which there is a specific reserve should be accounted for on a cash basis by reducing the expense account (i.e. the provision for loan losses) for the amount of the recovery, and reported as part of the calculation for profit or loss, in Schedule M, Part I, Line 2.a, "Gross due from/to head office of parent bank".

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The completed FFIEC 002 and FFIEC 002S report(s) (if applicable) must be returned to this Bank, by mail or messenger, no later than **August 1, 2016.** Any FFIEC 002/002S report received after 5:00p.m.on **August 1, 2016** will be considered late unless postmarked by **July 27, 2016** or sent overnight service by **July 29, 2016.**

An original and one copy of the completed FFIEC 019 report(s) (if applicable) must be returned to this Bank, by mail or messenger, no later than August 15, 2016. Any FFIEC 019 report received after 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2016 will be considered late unless postmarked by August 10, 2016 or sent overnight service by August 12, 2016. Reporting institutions have the option to electronically submit the completed FFIEC 019 report(s) using the Federal Reserve System's Reporting Central Application by no later than August 15, 2016.

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We will also continue to monitor the accuracy of the periodic regulatory reports submitted for the June 30, 2016 report date. The staff of this Reserve Bank will monitor whether branches and agencies are meeting their basic reporting requirements through the use of "validity edits."

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The FFIEC 002/002S and FFIEC 019 forms and instructions are available on the FFIEC website at www.ffiec.gov/ffiec reportforms.htm. In addition, attached are validity edit checks for the FFIEC 002.

Questions regarding the FFIEC 002 and FFIEC 002S reports should be directed to Camelia Karp, Financial Reports Associate at (212) 720-6766, or Molly Florio, Staff Manager at (212) 720-8125.

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Sincerely,