

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning act June 27, 1934, ch. 847, 48 Stat. 1246, which is classified principally to this chapter (§1701 et seq.). For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

## AMENDMENTS

1967—Pub. L. 90-19 substituted “Secretary” for “Commissioner” wherever appearing.

**§ 1715q. Delivery of statement of appraisal or estimates to home buyers**

The Secretary is authorized and directed to require that in connection with any property upon which there is located a dwelling designed principally for a single-family residence or a two-family residence and which is approved for mortgage insurance under section 1709 or 1715e of this title with respect to any property or project of a corporation or trust of the character described in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of section 1715e of this title, or sections 1715k, 1715l, 1715m,<sup>1</sup> 1715x, 1715y, 1715z(i), 1715z-2,<sup>1</sup> or 1750b of this title, the seller or builder or such other person as may be designated by the Secretary shall agree to deliver, prior to the sale of the property, to the person purchasing such dwelling for his own occupancy, a written statement setting forth the amount of the appraised value of the property as determined by the Secretary. This section shall not apply in any case where the mortgage involved was insured or the commitment for such insurance was issued prior to August 2, 1954. Notwithstanding the first sentence of this section, the Secretary is authorized to require, in connection with any mortgage where the mortgage amount is computed on the basis of the Secretary’s estimate of the replacement cost of the property, or on the basis of any other estimates of the Secretary, that a written statement setting forth such estimate or estimates, as the case may be, be furnished under this section in lieu of a written statement setting forth the amount of the appraised value of the property.

(June 27, 1934, ch. 847, title II, §226, as added Aug. 2, 1954, ch. 649, title I, §126, 68 Stat. 607; amended Pub. L. 85-104, title I, §115, July 12, 1957, 71 Stat. 298; Pub. L. 87-70, title VI, §612(j), June 30, 1961, 75 Stat. 182; Pub. L. 90-19, §1(a)(3), (4), May 25, 1967, 81 Stat. 17; Pub. L. 90-448, title I, §102(b), Aug. 1, 1968, 82 Stat. 486.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1715m of this title, referred to in text, was repealed by Pub. L. 110-289, div. B, title I, §2120(a)(5), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2835.

Section 1715z-2 of this title, referred to in text, was repealed by Pub. L. 110-289, div. B, title I, §2120(a)(6), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2835.

## AMENDMENTS

1968—Pub. L. 90-448 inserted references to sections 1715z(i) and 1715z-2 of this title.

1967—Pub. L. 90-19 substituted “Secretary” for “Commissioner” wherever appearing, and “Secretary’s” for “Commissioner’s”.

1961—Pub. L. 87-70 inserted references to sections 1715x and 1715y of this title, and substituted “or on the

basis of any other estimates of the Commissioner, that a written statement setting forth such estimate or estimates, as the case may be,” for “that a written statement setting forth such estimate”.

1957—Pub. L. 85-104 inserted sentence authorizing estimate of replacement cost in lieu of an estimate of value where mortgage amount is based upon replacement cost.

**§ 1715r. Requirement of builder’s cost certification; definitions**

**(a) Requirement**

Except as provided in subsection (b) and notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, no mortgage covering new or rehabilitated multifamily housing or a property or project described in subchapter IX-B shall be insured under this chapter unless the mortgagor has agreed (A) to certify, upon completion of the physical improvements on the mortgaged property or project and prior to final endorsement of the mortgage, either (i) that the approved percentage of actual cost (as those terms are herein defined) equaled or exceeded the proceeds of the mortgage loan or (ii) the amount by which the proceeds of the mortgage loan exceeded such approved percentage of actual cost, as the case may be, and (B) to pay forthwith to the mortgagee, for application to the reduction of the principal obligation of such mortgage, the amount, if any, certified to be in excess of such approved percentage of actual cost. Upon the Secretary’s approval of the mortgagor’s certification as required hereunder, such certification shall be final and incontestable, except for fraud or material misrepresentation on the part of the mortgagor.

**(b) Exemption for certain projects assisted with low-income housing tax credit**

In the case of any mortgage insured under any provision of this subchapter that is executed in connection with the construction, rehabilitation, purchase, or refinancing of a multifamily housing project for which equity<sup>1</sup> provided through any low-income housing tax credit pursuant to section 42 of title 26, if the Secretary determines at the time of issuance of the firm commitment for insurance that the ratio of the loan proceeds to the actual cost of the project is less than 80 percent, subsection (a) of this section shall not apply.

**(c) Definitions**

For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) The term “new or rehabilitated multifamily housing” means a project or property approved for mortgage insurance prior to the construction or the repair and rehabilitation involved and covered by a mortgage insured or to be insured (i) under section 1713 of this title, (ii) under section 1715e of this title with respect to any property or project of a corporation or trust of the character described in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of section 1715e of this title or with respect to any property or project of a mortgagor of the character described in paragraph (3) of subsection (a) thereof, (iii) under section 1715k of this title if

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by “is”.

the mortgage meets the requirements of paragraph (3)(B) of subsection (d) thereof, (iv) under section 1715l of this title if the mortgage meets the requirements of paragraph (3) or paragraph (4) of subsection (d) thereof, (v) under section 1715v of this title, (vi) under section 1715x of this title if the mortgage meets the requirements of subsection (b), (vii) under section 1748h-2 of this title if the mortgage meets the requirements of subsection (f), (viii) under section 1715y(d) of this title, or (ix) under section 1715z-1 of this title;

(2) The term “approved percentage” means the percentage figure which, under applicable provisions of this chapter, the Secretary is authorized to apply to his estimate of value, cost, or replacement costs, as the case may be, of the property or project in determining the maximum insurable mortgage amount; except that if the mortgage is to assist the financing of repair or rehabilitation and no part of the proceeds will be used to finance the purchase of the land or structure involved, the approved percentage shall be 100 per centum; and

(3) The term “actual cost” has the following meaning: (i) in case the mortgage is to assist the financing of new construction, the term means the actual cost to the mortgagor of such construction, including amounts paid for labor, materials, construction contracts, off-site public utilities, streets, organizational and legal expenses, such allocations of general overhead items as are acceptable to the Secretary, and other items of expense approved by the Secretary, plus (I) a reasonable allowance for builder’s profit if the mortgagor is also the builder as defined by the Secretary, and (II) an amount equal to the Secretary’s estimate of the fair market value of any land (prior to the construction of the improvements built as a part of the project) in the property or project owned by the mortgagor in fee (or, in case the land in the property or project is held by the mortgagor under a leasehold or other interest less than a fee, such amount as the mortgagor paid for the acquisition of such leasehold or other interest but, in no event, in excess of the fair market value of such leasehold or other interest exclusive of the proposed improvements), but excluding the amount of any kickbacks, rebates, or trade discounts received in connection with the construction of the improvements, or (ii) in case the mortgage is to assist the financing of repair or rehabilitation the term means the actual cost to the mortgagor of such repair or rehabilitation, including the amounts paid for labor, materials, construction contracts, off-site public utilities, streets, organization and legal expenses, such allocations of general overhead items as are acceptable to the Secretary, and other items of expense approved by the Secretary, plus (I) a reasonable allowance for builder’s profit if the mortgagor is also the builder as defined by the Secretary, and (II) an additional amount equal to (A) in case the land and improvements are to be acquired by the mortgagor and the purchase price thereof is to be financed with part of the proceeds of the mortgage, the purchase price of such land and improvements prior to such repair or rehabilitation, or (B) in

case the land and improvements are owned by the mortgagor subject to an outstanding indebtedness to be refinanced with part of the proceeds of the mortgage, the amount of such outstanding indebtedness secured by such land and improvements, but excluding (for the purposes of this clause (ii)) the amount of any kickbacks, rebates, or trade discounts received in connection with the construction of the improvements: *Provided*, That such additional amount under (A) of this clause (ii) shall in no event exceed the Secretary’s estimate of the fair market value of such land and improvements prior to such repair or rehabilitation, and such additional amount under (B) of this clause (ii) shall in no event exceed the approved percentage of the Secretary’s estimate of the fair market value of such land and improvements prior to such repair or rehabilitation. In the case of a mortgage insured under section 1715k, 1715l(d)(3), 1715l(d)(4), 1715v, 1715x, or 1715z-1 of this title where the mortgagor is also the builder as defined by the Secretary, there shall be included in the actual cost, in lieu of the allowance for builder’s profit under clause (i) or (ii) of the preceding sentence, an allowance for builder’s and sponsor’s profit and risk of 10 per centum (unless the Secretary, after finding that such allowance is unreasonable, shall by regulation prescribe a lesser percentage) of all other items entering into the term “actual cost” except land or amounts paid for a leasehold and amounts included under either (A) or (B) of clause (ii) of the preceding sentence. In the case of a mortgage insured under section 1715k, 1715l(d)(3), 1715l(d)(4), 1715v, 1715x, or 1715z-1 of this title, where the mortgagor is not also the builder as defined by the Secretary, there shall be included in the actual cost an allowance for sponsor’s profit and risk of the said 10 per centum or lesser percentage of all other items entering into the term “actual cost” except land or amounts paid for a leasehold, amounts included under either (A) or (B) of the said clause (ii), and amounts paid by the mortgagor under a general construction contract.

(June 27, 1934, ch. 847, title II, §227, as added Aug. 2, 1954, ch. 649, title I, §126, 68 Stat. 607; amended Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 783, title I, §102(i), 69 Stat. 636; Aug. 7, 1956, ch. 1029, title I, §§105(d), 109, 70 Stat. 1094, 1095; Pub. L. 86-372, title I, §112, Sept. 23, 1959, 73 Stat. 661; Pub. L. 87-70, title VI, §612(k), June 30, 1961, 75 Stat. 183; Pub. L. 88-560, title I, §119(c), Sept. 2, 1964, 78 Stat. 782; Pub. L. 89-754, title V, §502(b), title X, §1020(b), Nov. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 1277, 1295; Pub. L. 90-19, §1(a)(3), (4), May 25, 1967, 81 Stat. 17; Pub. L. 90-448, title II, §201(b)(2), (3), Aug. 1, 1968, 82 Stat. 502; Pub. L. 110-289, div. B, title VIII, §2834(b), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2869.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (c)(2), was in the original “this Act”, meaning act June 27, 1934, ch. 847, 48 Stat. 1246, which is classified principally to this chapter (§1701 et seq.). For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

## AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-289 designated introductory provisions as subsec. (a) and inserted heading, in subsec. (a), as redesignated, substituted “Except as provided in subsection (b) and notwithstanding” for “Notwithstanding”, redesignated cls. (a) and (b) as cls. (A) and (B), respectively, and struck out “As used in this section—” at end, added subsec. (b), inserted heading and introductory provisions of subsec. (c), and designated former subssecs. (a) to (c) as pars. (1) to (3), respectively, of subsec. (c) and subcls. (1) and (2) of cls. (i) and (ii) of former subsec. (c) as subcls. (I) and (II), respectively, of cls. (i) and (ii), respectively, of par. (3) of subsec. (c).

1968—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 90-448, §201(b)(2), included mortgages insured or to be insured under section 1715z-1 of this title.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 90-448, §201(b)(3), substituted “section 1715x, or 1715z-1 of this title” for “section 1715x(b)(2) of this title”, in two places.

1967—Pub. L. 90-19 substituted “Secretary” for “Commissioner” in subssecs. (b) and (c), and “Secretary’s” for “Commissioner’s” in text preceding subsec. (a) and in subsec. (c).

1966—Pub. L. 89-754, §502(b), made the certification requirement applicable to mortgage covering property or project described in subchapter IX-B.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-754, §1020(b), substituted “subsection (b)” for “subsection (b)(2)” in cl. (vi).

1964—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 88-560 included mortgages insured or to be insured under section 1715y(d) of this title.

1961—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 87-70, §612(k)(1), included property covered by a mortgage insured or to be insured under section 1715x of this title if the mortgage meets the requirements of subsection (b)(2).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 87-70, §612(k)(2), substituted “value, cost, or replacement cost” for “value or replacement cost”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 87-70, §612(k)(3), substituted “section 1715(d)(3), 1715(d)(4), 1715v, or 1715x(b)(2) of this title” for “section 1715l of this title if the mortgage meets the requirements of paragraph (4) of subsection (d) thereof, or section 1715v of this title” in second and third sentences.

1959—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 86-372, §112(a), included mortgages insured or to be insured under subsec. (d)(4) of section 1715l of this title, under section 1715v of this title, and under section 1748h-2 of this title, and struck out provisions which related to mortgages insured or to be insured under sections 1748b, 1750b and 1750g of this title.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 86-372, §112(b), substituted “under section 1715k of this title, section 1715l of this title if the mortgage meets the requirements of paragraph (4) of subsection (d) thereof, or section 1715v of this title” for “under section 1715k of this title” in two places.

1956—Act Aug. 7, 1956, §109, inserted sentence preceding subsec. (a), that upon Commissioner’s approval, certification shall be final and incontestable, except for fraud or misrepresentation by mortgagor.

Subsec. (a). Act Aug. 7, 1956, §105(d), inserted “or with respect to any property or project of a mortgagor of the character described in paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of section 1715e of this title,” before “(iii)”.

Subsec. (b). Act Aug. 7, 1956, §109, inserted provision that if the insured mortgage is to assist financing of repairs and no part of proceeds will be used to purchase the land or structure involved, the approved percentage shall be 100 percent.

Subsec. (c). Act Aug. 7, 1956, §109, inserted “such allocations of general overhead items as are acceptable to the Commissioner,” after “legal expenses” wherever appearing; struck out “(without reduction by reason of the application of the approved percentage requirements of this section)” before “secured by such land and improvements,” in cl. (ii)(B), amended proviso to provide that additional amount under (B) of cl. (ii) should not exceed the approved percentage of the Commissioner’s estimate of the fair market value of the

land and improvements; and inserted provisions at end relating to 10 percent allowance for builder’s profit in mortgages issued under section 1715k.

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, substituted “under section 1715l of this title if the mortgage meets the requirements of paragraph (3) of subsection (d) of such section” for “under section 1715l of this title”.

### § 1715s. Treatment of mortgages covering tax credit projects

#### (a) Definition

For purposes of this section, the term “insured mortgage covering a tax credit project” means a mortgage insured under any provision of this subchapter that is executed in connection with the construction, rehabilitation, purchase, or refinancing of a multifamily housing project for which equity<sup>1</sup> provided through any low-income housing tax credit pursuant to section 42 of title 26.

#### (b) Acceptance of letters of credit

In the case of an insured mortgage covering a tax credit project, the Secretary may not require the escrowing of equity provided by the sale of any low-income housing tax credits for the project pursuant to section 42 of title 26, or any other form of security, such as a letter of credit.

#### (c) Asset management requirements

In the case of an insured mortgage covering a tax credit project for which project the applicable tax credit allocating agency is causing to be performed periodic inspections in compliance with the requirements of section 42 of title 26, such project shall be exempt from requirements imposed by the Secretary regarding periodic inspections of the property by the mortgagee. To the extent that other compliance monitoring is being performed with respect to such a project by such an allocating agency pursuant to such section 42, the Secretary shall, to the extent that the Secretary determines such monitoring is sufficient to ensure compliance with any requirements established by the Secretary, accept such agency’s evidence of compliance for purposes of determining compliance with the Secretary’s requirements.

#### (d) Streamlined processing pilot program

##### (1) In general

The Secretary shall establish a pilot program to demonstrate the effectiveness of streamlining the review process, which shall include all applications for mortgage insurance under any provision of this subchapter for mortgages executed in connection with the construction, rehabilitation, purchase, or refinancing of a multifamily housing project for which equity<sup>1</sup> provided through any low-income housing tax credit pursuant to section 42 of title 26. The Secretary shall issue instructions for implementing the pilot program under this subsection not later than the expiration of the 180-day period beginning upon July 30, 2008.

##### (2) Requirements

Such pilot program shall provide for—

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by “is”.