

(1) the Farm Credit Administration Board shall revoke the charter of the institution; and  
 (2) the institution shall no longer be an instrumentality of the United States under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title VII, §7.10, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §416, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1650.)

PART C—APPROVAL OF DISCLOSURE INFORMATION AND ISSUANCE OF CHARTERS BY THE FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION BOARD

**§ 2279e. Approval of disclosure information and issuance of charters**

**(a) Disclosure of information**

**(1) Approval of plan**

With respect to any plan of merger, transfer of lending authority, dissolution, or termination, prior to submission to the voters (voting stockholders and, where required, contributors to guaranty funds) of the institutions involved, such plan shall be submitted to the Farm Credit Administration Board, together with all information that is to be distributed to the voters with respect to the contemplated action, including an enumerated statement of the anticipated benefits and potential disadvantages of such action.

**(2) Notice of approval**

On notification that the Farm Credit Administration Board has approved such plan for submission to the stockholders, or after 60 days of no action on the plan by the Board, the submitting institutions may submit the plan, together with the disclosure information, to the voters for the prescribed vote.

**(b) Notice of reasons for disapproval**

If the Farm Credit Administration Board disapproves the plan for submission to the stockholders, notification to the submitting institutions shall specify the reasons for the determination by the Board. If such plan is determined to be inadequate, it shall not be submitted to the voters for a vote.

**(c) Federal charter**

Each plan of merger or transfer of lending authority may include a proposed new or revised Federal charter for the merged or transferee entity. The Farm Credit Administration Board shall issue such charter on the approval of the plan, as prescribed in this subchapter, unless the Board determines that the charter submitted is not consistent with this chapter.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title VII, §7.11, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §416, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1651; amended Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, §408(p), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 1002; Pub. L. 102-237, title V, §502(n), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1870.)

AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 102-237 substituted “60 days” for “30 days”.

1988—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 100-399 substituted “transfer of lending authority” for “transfer or assignment of lending authority” and “the institutions involved” for “such institutions”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-399 effective as if enacted immediately after enactment of Pub. L. 100-233, which

was approved Jan. 6, 1988, see section 1001(a) of Pub. L. 100-399, set out as a note under section 2002 of this title.

PART D—MERGERS OF LIKE ENTITIES

**§ 2279f. Merger of similar banks**

**(a) In general**

Banks organized or operating under this chapter may merge with banks in other districts operating under the same subchapter if the plan of merger is approved by—

(1) the Farm Credit Administration Board;

(2) the respective Boards of Directors of the banks involved;

(3) a majority vote of the stockholders of each bank voting, in person or by proxy, at a duly authorized stockholders’ meeting, with each association having a number of votes equal to the number of such association’s voting stockholders; and

(4) in the case of a bank for cooperatives, a majority of the total equity interests in such merging bank for cooperatives (including allocated, but not unallocated, surplus and reserves) held by those stockholders or subscribers to the guaranty fund of the bank voting.

**(b) Powers and capitalization**

Sections 2279a-2 and 2279a-3 of this title shall apply to banks merged under this section.

**(c) Board of directors**

**(1) In general**

After a merger under subsection (a) of this section, a board of directors shall be created for the resulting bank.

**(2) Composition**

The board shall be composed of—

(A) two directors elected by each of the bank boards, with at least one such director from each bank being elected by the eligible stockholders of, or subscribers to, the guaranty fund of the merging banks; and

(B) one outside director elected by the directors elected under subparagraph (A).

**(3) Outside director**

**(A) Qualifications**

The outside director elected under paragraph (2)(B) shall be experienced in financial services and credit, and within the 2-year period prior to such election, shall not have been a borrower from, shareholder in, or director, officer, employee, or agent of any institution of the Farm Credit System.

**(B) Failure to elect**

If the other members of the board fail to elect an outside director, the Farm Credit Administration Board shall appoint a qualified person to serve on the board of directors until such member is so elected.

**(4) Bylaws**

Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the bylaws of the merged bank may, with the approval of the Farm Credit Administration, provide for a different number of directors to be selected in a different manner, except that the bylaws shall provide for at least one outside director.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title VII, §7.12, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §416, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1652;

amended Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, § 408(q), (r), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 1002, 1003.)

## AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-399, § 408(q), substituted “Powers and capitalization” for “Procedures” in heading and, in amending text generally, substituted “Sections 2279a-2 and 2279a-3 of this title” for “The provisions of sections 2279a-2 through 2279a-4 of this title”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(B). Pub. L. 100-399, § 408(r), substituted “directors” for “members”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

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## § 2279f-1. Merger of similar associations

## (a) In general

Associations may voluntarily merge with other like associations if the plan of merger is approved by—

- (1) the Farm Credit Administration Board;
- (2) the respective Boards of Directors of the associations involved;
- (3) a majority vote of the stockholders of each association voting, in person or by proxy, at a duly authorized stockholders' meeting; and
- (4) the Farm Credit Banks involved.

## (b) Procedures

The provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of section 2279c-1 of this title shall apply to associations merged under this section.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title VII, § 7.13, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, § 416, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1653; amended Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, § 408(s), (t), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 1003.)

## AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 100-399, § 408(s), substituted “the Farm Credit Banks involved” for “the Farm Credit Bank”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-399, § 408(t), substituted “subsections (b) and (c)” for “subsections (b), (c), and (d)”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

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## PART E—TAXATION OF MERGER TRANSACTIONS

## § 2279g. Transactions to accomplish mergers exempt from certain State taxes

No State or political subdivision thereof may treat the merger or consolidation of two or more institutions of the Farm Credit System under this subchapter or title IV of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 as resulting in a change of ownership of any property owned by any of such merging or consolidating institutions, for purposes of any law of such State or political subdivision providing for reassessment of property on the occurrence of a change of ownership or imposing a tax on the ownership or transfer of property.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title VII, § 7.14, as added Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, § 408(u), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 1003.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Agricultural Credit Act of 1987, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 100-233, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1568, as amended. Title IV of that Act amended this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code see Short Title of 1988 Amendment note set out under section 2001 of this title and Tables.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective as if enacted immediately after enactment of Pub. L. 100-233, which was approved Jan. 6, 1988, see section 1001(a) of Pub. L. 100-399, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 2002 of this title.

## SUBCHAPTER VIII—AGRICULTURAL MORTGAGE SECONDARY MARKET

## § 2279aa. Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter:

## (1) Agricultural real estate

The term “agricultural real estate” means—  
(A) a parcel or parcels of land, or a building or structure affixed to the parcel or parcels, that—

(i) is used for the production of one or more agricultural commodities or products; and

(ii) consists of a minimum acreage or is used in producing minimum annual receipts, as determined by the Corporation; or

(B) a principal residence that is a single family, moderate-priced residential dwelling located in a rural area, excluding—

(i) any community having a population in excess of 2,500 inhabitants; and

(ii) any dwelling, excluding the land to which the dwelling is affixed, with a value exceeding \$100,000 (as adjusted for inflation).

## (2) Board

The term “Board” means—

(A) the interim board of directors established in section 2279aa-2(a) of this title; and

(B) the permanent board of directors established in section 2279aa-2(b) of this title;

as the case may be.

## (3) Certified facility

The term “certified facility” means—

(A) an agricultural mortgage marketing facility that is certified under section 2279aa-5 of this title; or

(B) the Corporation and any affiliate thereof.

## (4) Corporation

The term “Corporation” means the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation established in section 2279aa-1 of this title.

## (5) Guarantee

The term “guarantee” means the guarantee of timely payment of the principal and interest on securities representing interests in, or obligations backed by, pools of qualified loans, in accordance with this subchapter.

## (6) Interim board

The term “interim board” means the interim board of directors established in section 2279aa-2(a) of this title.