

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subssecs. (a) and (b), was in the original “this title”, meaning title XI of Pub. L. 101-73, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title XI to the Code, see Tables.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-203 effective on the date on which final regulations implementing that amendment take effect, or on the date that is 18 months after the designated transfer date if such regulations have not been issued by that date, see section 1400(c) of Pub. L. 111-203, set out as a note under section 1601 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade.

**§ 3348. Recognition of State certified and licensed appraisers for purposes of this chapter**

**(a) Effective date for use of certified or licensed appraisers only**

**(1) In general**

Not later than December 31, 1992, all appraisals performed in connection with federally related transactions shall be performed only by individuals certified or licensed in accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

**(2) Extension of effective date**

Subject to the approval of the council, the Appraisal Subcommittee may extend, until December 31, 1991, the effective date for the use of certified or licensed appraisers if it makes a written finding that a State has made substantial progress in establishing a State certification and licensing system that appears to conform to the provisions of this chapter.

**(b) Temporary waiver of appraiser certification or licensing requirements for State having scarcity of qualified appraisers**

Subject to the approval of the Council, the Appraisal Subcommittee may waive any requirement relating to certification or licensing of a person to perform appraisals under this chapter if the Appraisal Subcommittee or a State agency whose certifications and licenses are in compliance with this chapter, makes a written determination that there is a scarcity of certified or licensed appraisers to perform appraisals in connection with federally related transactions in a State, or in any geographical political subdivision of a State, leading to significant delays in the performance of such appraisals. The waiver terminates when the Appraisal Subcommittee determines that such significant delays have been eliminated.

**(c) Reports to State certifying and licensing agencies**

The Appraisal Subcommittee, any other Federal agency or instrumentality, or any federally recognized entity shall report any action of a State certified or licensed appraiser that is contrary to the purposes of this chapter, to the appropriate State agency for a disposition of the subject of the referral. The State agency shall provide the Appraisal Subcommittee or the other Federal agency or instrumentality with a report on its disposition of the matter referred. Subsequent to such disposition, the subcommit-

tee or the agency or instrumentality may take such further action, pursuant to written procedures, it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 101-73, title XI, §1119, Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 516; Pub. L. 102-233, title VII, §701(b), Dec. 12, 1991, 105 Stat. 1792; Pub. L. 102-242, title IV, §472(b), Dec. 19, 1991, 105 Stat. 2386; Pub. L. 102-550, title XVI, §1617(a), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4096; Pub. L. 111-203, title XIV, §1473(t)(1), July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 2199.)

## AMENDMENT OF SUBSECTION (a)(2)

*Pub. L. 111-203, title XIV, §§1400(c), 1473(t)(1), July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 2136, 2199, provided that subsection (a)(2) of this section is amended, effective on the date on which final regulations implementing such amendment take effect, or on the date that is 18 months after the designated transfer date if such regulations have not been issued by that date, by striking “council,” and inserting “Council.”. See Effective Date of 2010 Amendment note below.*

## AMENDMENTS

1992—Subsecs. (a)(1), (b). Pub. L. 102-550, §1617(a), repealed Pub. L. 102-233, §701(b). See 1991 Amendment note below.

1991—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 102-242, §472(b)(1), substituted “December 31, 1992” for “July 1, 1991”. Pub. L. 102-233, §701(b)(1), which made an identical amendment, was repealed by Pub. L. 102-550, §1617(a). See Construction of 1991 Amendment note below.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-242, §472(b)(2), substituted “, or in any geographical political subdivision of a State, leading to significant delays” for “leading to inordinate delays” in first sentence and “significant” for “inordinate” in second sentence. Pub. L. 102-233, §701(b)(2), which made an identical amendment, was repealed by Pub. L. 102-550, §1617(a). See Construction of 1991 Amendment note below.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-203 effective on the date on which final regulations implementing that amendment take effect, or on the date that is 18 months after the designated transfer date if such regulations have not been issued by that date, see section 1400(c) of Pub. L. 111-203, set out as a note under section 1601 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade.

## CONSTRUCTION OF 1991 AMENDMENT

No amendment to this section by section 701 of Pub. L. 102-233 to be deemed to have taken effect before Oct. 28, 1992, and provisions of law amended by such section 701 to continue in effect as if no such amendment had been made, see section 1617(b) of Pub. L. 102-550, set out as a note under section 3345 of this title.

**§ 3349. Violations in obtaining and performing appraisals in federally related transactions**

**(a) Violations**

Except as authorized by the Appraisal Subcommittee in exercising its waiver authority pursuant to section 3348(b) of this title, it shall be a violation of this section—

(1) for a financial institution to seek, obtain, or give money or any other thing of value in exchange for the performance of an appraisal by a person who the institution knows is not a State certified or licensed appraiser in connection with a federally related transaction; and

(2) for the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, or the Resolution Trust Corporation to knowingly contract for the performance of any appraisal by a person who is not a State certified or licensed appraiser in connection with a real estate related financial transaction defined in section 3350(5) of this title to which such association or corporation is a party.

**(b) Penalties**

A financial institution that violates subsection (a)(1) of this section shall be subject to civil penalties under section 1818(i)(2) of this title or section 1786(k)(2) of this title, as appropriate.

**(c) Proceeding**

A proceeding with respect to a violation of this section shall be an administrative proceeding which may be conducted by a Federal financial institutions regulatory agency in accordance with the procedures set forth in subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 101-73, title XI, §1120, Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 517.)

**§ 3350. Definitions**

For purposes of this chapter:

**(1) State appraiser certifying and licensing agency**

The term “State appraiser certifying and licensing agency” means a State agency established in compliance with this chapter.

**(2) Appraisal Subcommittee; subcommittee**

The terms “Appraisal Subcommittee” and “subcommittee” mean the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council.

**(3) Council**

The term “Council” means the Federal Financial Institutions Examinations Council.

**(4) Federally related transaction**

The term “federally related transaction” means any real estate-related financial transaction which—

- (A) a federal financial institutions regulatory agency or the Resolution Trust Corporation engages in, contracts for, or regulates; and
- (B) requires the services of an appraiser.

**(5) Real estate related financial transaction**

The term “real estate-related financial transaction” means any transaction involving—

- (A) the sale, lease, purchase, investment in or exchange of real property, including interests in property, or the financing thereof;
- (B) the refinancing of real property or interests in real property; and
- (C) the use of real property or interests in property as security for a loan or investment, including mortgage-backed securities.

**(6) Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies**

The term “Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies” means the Board of Gov-

ernors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporations, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Office of Thrift Supervision, and the National Credit Union Administration.

**(7) Financial institution**

The term “financial institution” means an insured depository institution as defined in section 1813 of this title or an insured credit union as defined in section 1752 of this title.

**(8) Chairperson**

The term “Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Appraisal Subcommittee selected by the council.<sup>1</sup>

**(9) Foundation**

The terms “Appraisal Foundation” and “Foundation” means the Appraisal Foundation established on November 30, 1987, as a not for profit corporation under the laws of Illinois.

**(10) Written appraisal**

The term “written appraisal” means a written statement used in connection with a federally related transaction that is independently and impartially prepared by a licensed or certified appraiser setting forth an opinion of defined value of an adequately described property as of a specific date, supported by presentation and analysis of relevant market information.

(Pub. L. 101-73, title XI, §1121, Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 517; Pub. L. 111-203, title XIV, §1473(f)(4), (t)(2), (3), July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 2193, 2199.)

AMENDMENT OF SECTION

*Pub. L. 111-203, title XIV, §§1400(c), 1473(f)(4), (t)(2), (3), July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 2136, 2193, 2199, provided that this section is amended, effective on the date on which final regulations implementing such amendment take effect, or on the date that is 18 months after the designated transfer date if such regulations have not been issued by that date:*

*(1) in paragraph (6), by striking “Corporations,” and inserting “Corporation,”;*

*(2) in paragraph (8), by striking “council” and inserting “Council”;* and

*(3) by adding at the end the following:*

*“(1) Appraisal management company*

*“The term ‘appraisal management company’ means, in connection with valuing properties collateralizing mortgage loans or mortgages incorporated into a securitization, any external third party authorized either by a creditor of a consumer credit transaction secured by a consumer’s principal dwelling or by an underwriter of or other principal in the secondary mortgage markets, that oversees a network or panel of more than 15 certified or licensed appraisers in a State or 25 or more nationally within a given year—*

*“(A) to recruit, select, and retain appraisers;*

*“(B) to contract with licensed and certified appraisers to perform appraisal assignments;*

*“(C) to manage the process of having an appraisal performed, including providing adminis-*

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be capitalized.