

officers and employees of the Federal Reserve System related to subparagraphs (A) through (C) of this paragraph.

**(b) Limits on disclosure**

(1)(A) Except as provided in this subsection, an officer or employee of the Government Accountability Office may not disclose information identifying an open bank, an open bank holding company, or a customer of an open or closed bank or bank holding company.

(B) The Comptroller General may disclose information related to the affairs of a closed bank or closed bank holding company identifying a customer of the closed bank or closed bank holding company only if the Comptroller General believes the customer had a controlling influence in the management of the closed bank or closed bank holding company or was related to or affiliated with a person or group having a controlling influence.

(2) An officer or employee of the Government Accountability Office may discuss a customer, bank, or bank holding company with an official of an appropriate Federal banking agency and may report an apparent criminal violation to an appropriate law enforcement authority of the United States Government or a State.

(3) This subsection does not authorize an officer or employee of an appropriate Federal banking agency to withhold information from a committee of the Congress authorized to have the information.

**(c) Records, property, workpapers, correspondence, and documents; accessibility**

(1)(A) To carry out this section, all records and property of or used by an appropriate Federal banking agency, including samples of reports of examinations of a bank or bank holding company the Comptroller General considers statistically meaningful and workpapers and correspondence related to the reports shall be made available to the Comptroller General, including such records and property pertaining to the coordination of international regulation, supervisor and examination activities of an appropriate Federal banking agency.

(B) The Comptroller General shall give each appropriate Federal banking agency a current list of officers and employees to whom, with proper identification, records and property may be made available, and who may make notes or copies necessary to carry out an audit.

(C) Each appropriate Federal banking agency shall give the Comptroller General suitable and lockable offices and furniture, telephones, and access to copying facilities.

(2) Except for the temporary removal of workpapers of the Comptroller General that do not identify a customer of an open or closed bank or bank holding company, an open bank, or an open bank holding company, all workpapers of the Comptroller General and records and property of or used by an appropriate Federal banking agency that the Comptroller General possesses during an audit, shall remain in such agency. The Comptroller General shall prevent unauthorized access to records or property.

(Pub. L. 98-181, title I [title IX, §911], Nov. 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 1282; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (b)(1)(A), (2). Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office”.

**§ 3911. Equal representation for Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Office of Thrift Supervision**

**(a) In general**

As one of the 4 Federal bank regulatory and supervisory agencies, and as the insurer of the United States banks involved in international lending, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation shall be given equal representation with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency on the Committee on Banking Regulations and Supervisory Practices of the Group of Ten Countries and Switzerland.

**(b) Office of Thrift Supervision**

As one of the 4 Federal bank regulatory and supervisory agencies, the Office of Thrift Supervision shall be given equal representation with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation on the Committee on Banking Regulations and Supervisory Practices of the Group of Ten Countries and Switzerland.

(Pub. L. 98-181, title I [title IX, §912], Nov. 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 1284; Pub. L. 109-351, title VII, §713(a), Oct. 13, 2006, 120 Stat. 1995.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-351 inserted “and the Office of Thrift Supervision” after “Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation” in section catchline, designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, substituted “As one of the 4” for “As one of the three”, and added subsec. (b).

**§ 3912. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title II, § 2224(c), Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-415**

Section, Pub. L. 98-181, title I [title IX, §913], Nov. 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 1284; Pub. L. 100-418, title III, §3121(e), Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1379, directed Secretary of the Treasury and certain Federal banking agencies to report to Congress, no later than 6 months after Nov. 30, 1983, regarding changes that could improve international lending operations of banking institutions.

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**§ 4001. Definitions**

For purposes of this chapter—

**(1) Account**

The term “account” means a demand deposit account or other similar transaction account at a depository institution.

**(2) Board**

The term “Board” means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**(3) Business day**

The term “business day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

**(4) Cash**

The term “cash” means United States coins and currency, including Federal Reserve notes.

**(5) Cashier’s check**

The term “cashier’s check” means any check which—

- (A) is drawn on a depository institution;
- (B) is signed by an officer or employee of such depository institution; and
- (C) is a direct obligation of such depository institution.

**(6) Certified check**

The term “certified check” means any check with respect to which a depository institution certifies that—

- (A) the signature on the check is genuine; and
- (B) such depository institution has set aside funds which—
  - (i) are equal to the amount of the check; and
  - (ii) will be used only to pay such check.

**(7) Check**

The term “check” means any negotiable demand draft drawn on or payable through an office of a depository institution located in the United States. Such term does not include noncash items.

**(8) Check clearinghouse association**

The term “check clearinghouse association” means any arrangement by which participant depository institutions exchange deposited checks on a local basis, including an entire metropolitan area, without using the check processing facilities of the Federal Reserve System.

**(9) Check processing region**

The term “check processing region” means the geographical area served by a Federal Reserve bank check processing center or such larger area as the Board may prescribe by regulations.

**(10) Consumer account**

The term “consumer account” means any account used primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

**(11) Depository check**

The term “depository check” means any cashier’s check, certified check, teller’s check, and any other functionally equivalent instrument as determined by the Board.

**(12) Depository institution**

The term “depository institution” has the meaning given such term in clauses (i) through (vi) of section 461(b)(1)(A) of this title. Such term also includes an office, branch, or

agency of a foreign bank located in the United States.

**(13) Local originating depository institution**

The term “local originating depository institution” means any originating depository institution which is located in the same check processing region as the receiving depository institution.

**(14) Noncash item**

The term “noncash item” means—

- (A) a check or other demand item to which a passbook, certificate, or other document is attached;
- (B) a check or other demand item which is accompanied by special instructions, such as a request for special advise of payment or dishonor; or
- (C) any similar item which is otherwise classified as a noncash item in regulations of the Board.

**(15) Nonlocal originating depository institution**

The term “nonlocal originating depository institution” means any originating depository institution which is not a local depository institution.

**(16) Proprietary ATM**

The term “proprietary ATM” means an automated teller machine which is—

- (A) located—
  - (i) at or adjacent to a branch of the receiving depository institution; or
  - (ii) in close proximity, as defined by the Board, to a branch of the receiving depository institution; or
- (B) owned by, operated exclusively for, or operated by the receiving depository institution.

**(17) Originating depository institution**

The term “originating depository institution” means the branch of a depository institution on which a check is drawn.

**(18) Nonproprietary ATM**

The term “nonproprietary ATM” means an automated teller machine which is not a proprietary ATM.

**(19) Participant**

The term “participant” means a depository institution which—

- (A) is located in the same geographic area as that served by a check clearinghouse association; and
- (B) exchanges checks through the check clearinghouse association, either directly or through an intermediary.

**(20) Receiving depository institution**

The term “receiving depository institution” means the branch of a depository institution or the proprietary ATM in which a check is first deposited.

**(21) State**

The term “State” means any State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands.

**(22) Teller’s check**

The term “teller’s check” means any check issued by a depository institution and drawn on another depository institution.

**(23) United States**

The term “United States” means the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

**(24) Unit of general local government**

The term “unit of general local government” means any city, county, town, township, parish, village, or other general purpose political subdivision of a State.

**(25) Wire transfer**

The term “wire transfer” has such meaning as the Board shall prescribe by regulations.

(Pub. L. 100-86, title VI, §602, Aug. 10, 1987, 101 Stat. 635.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title VI of Pub. L. 100-86, Aug. 10, 1987, 101 Stat. 635, known as the Expedited Funds Availability Act, which enacted this chapter, amended section 248a of this title, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 248a and 4001 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note below and Tables.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 100-86, title VI, §613, Aug. 10, 1987, 101 Stat. 652, provided that:

“(a) DATE OF ENACTMENT.—Except as provided in subsection (b), this title [enacting this chapter, amending section 248a of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and section 248a of this title] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this title [Aug. 10, 1987].

“(b) 1 YEAR AFTER DATE OF ENACTMENT.—Sections 603, 604, 605, 606, 610, and 611 [enacting sections 4002 to 4005, 4009, and 4010 of this title] shall take effect on September 1, 1988.”

## SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 100-86, title VI, §601, Aug. 10, 1987, 101 Stat. 635, provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter, amending section 248a of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and section 248a of this title] may be cited as the ‘Expedited Funds Availability Act.’”

## SEPARABILITY

If any provision of Pub. L. 100-86 or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of Pub. L. 100-86 and the application of the provision to other persons not similarly situated or to other circumstances not to be affected thereby, see section 1205 of Pub. L. 100-86, set out as a note under section 226 of this title.

**§ 4002. Expedited funds availability schedules****(a) Next business day availability for certain deposits****(1) Cash deposits; wire transfers**

Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section and in section 4003 of this title, in any case in which—

(A) any cash is deposited in an account at a receiving depository institution staffed by individuals employed by such institution, or

(B) funds are received by a depository institution by wire transfer for deposit in an account at such institution,

such cash or funds shall be available for withdrawal not later than the business day after

the business day on which such cash is deposited or such funds are received for deposit.

**(2) Government checks; certain other checks**

Funds deposited in an account at a depository institution by check shall be available for withdrawal not later than the business day after the business day on which such funds are deposited in the case of—

(A) a check which—

(i) is drawn on the Treasury of the United States; and

(ii) is endorsed only by the person to whom it was issued;

(B) a check which—

(i) is drawn by a State;

(ii) is deposited in a receiving depository institution which is located in such State and is staffed by individuals employed by such institution;

(iii) is deposited with a special deposit slip which indicates it is a check drawn by a State; and

(iv) is endorsed only by the person to whom it was issued;

(C) a check which—

(i) is drawn by a unit of general local government;

(ii) is deposited in a receiving depository institution which is located in the same State as such unit of general local government and is staffed by individuals employed by such institution;

(iii) is deposited with a special deposit slip which indicates it is a check drawn by a unit of general local government; and

(iv) is endorsed only by the person to whom it was issued;

(D) the first \$200 deposited by check or checks on any one business day;

(E) a check deposited in a branch of a depository institution and drawn on the same or another branch of the same depository institution if both such branches are located in the same State or the same check processing region;

(F) a cashier’s check, certified check, teller’s check, or depository check which—

(i) is deposited in a receiving depository institution which is staffed by individuals employed by such institution;

(ii) is deposited with a special deposit slip which indicates it is a cashier’s check, certified check, teller’s check, or depository check, as the case may be; and

(iii) is endorsed only by the person to whom it was issued.

**(b) Permanent schedule****(1) Availability of funds deposited by local checks**

Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, subsections (a)(2), (d), and (e) of this section, and section 4003 of this title, not more than 1 business day shall intervene between the business day on which funds are deposited in an account at a depository institution by a check drawn on a local originating depository institution and the business day on which the funds involved are available for withdrawal.