during the repayment period of the loan in accordance with the rate or rates currently being charged by the association.

## (4) Prior approval

Such standards may require prior approval of the bank on certain classes of loans, and may authorize a continuing commitment to a borrower of a line of credit.

## (d) Special district rule

# (1) Provision of credit and technical assistance outside service territory

Notwithstanding any territorial limitation in the charter of a production credit association located in a district in which there are only two such associations, the Farm Credit Administration Board, on request of such association, may permit such association to provide credit and technical assistance to any borrower who is denied credit by the other production credit association in the district if the Board determines that such other production credit association in the district is unduly restrictive in the application of credit standards.

# (2) Timing of determination

If the Farm Credit Administration Board approves the extension of credit and technical assistance under paragraph (1), the association shall approve or deny the application for credit within 90 days after receipt of the application from the borrower.

(Pub. L. 92–181, title II, §2.4, as added Pub. L. 100–233, title IV, §401, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1632; amended Pub. L. 100–399, title IV, §401(p), (q), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 997; Pub. L. 101–624, title XVIII, §1832(b), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3832.)

# PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2075, Pub. L. 92–181, title II,  $\S2.4$ , Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 594; Pub. L. 95–443, Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1066; Pub. L. 96–592, title II,  $\S204$ , Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3441; Pub. L. 99–509, title I,  $\S1033(b)$ , Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1877, related to terms, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100–233,  $\S401$ .

## AMENDMENTS

1990—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 101-624 substituted "some portion of the total processing or marketing for which financing is extended, except that the aggregate of the financing provided by any association for basic processing and marketing directly related to the operations of farmers, ranchers, and producers or harvesters of aquatic products, if the operations of the applicant supply less than 20 percent of the total processing or marketing for which financing is extended, shall not exceed 15 percent of the total of all outstanding loans of all associations in the district at the end of its preceding fiscal year" for "at least 20 percent, or such larger percent as is required by the supervising bank under regulations of the Farm Credit Administration, of the total processing or marketing for which financing is extended"

1988—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 100–399,  $\S401(p)$ , substituted "this part" for "this subchapter" and substituted "or planned" for "planned".

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 100–399, §401(q), added subsec. (d).

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-399 effective immediately after amendment made by section 401 of Pub. L. 100-233, which was effective 6 months after Jan. 6, 1988, see sec-

tion 1001(b) of Pub. L. 100-399, set out as a note under section 2002 of this title.

#### § 2076. Other services

Each production credit association may provide technical assistance to borrowers, applicants, and members and may make available to them at their option such financial related services appropriate to their on-farm and aquatic operations as is determined feasible by the board of directors of each Farm Credit Bank, under regulations prescribed by the Farm Credit Administration.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title II, §2.5, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §401, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1633.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2076, Pub. L. 92–181, title II, §2.5, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 595; Pub. L. 96–592, title II, §205, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3442; Pub. L. 100–233, title III, §305, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1621, related to services related to borrowers' operations, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100–233, §401.

#### § 2076a. Liens on stock

Except with regard to stock or participation certificates held by other Farm Credit System institutions, each production credit association shall have a first lien on stock and participation certificates the association issues, on allocated surplus, and on investments in equity reserve, for any indebtedness of the holder of the capital investments and, in the case of equity reserves, for charges for association losses in excess of reserves and surpluses.

(Pub. L. 92–181, title II, §2.6, as added Pub. L. 101–624, title XVIII, §1833(2), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3832.)

# PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2.6 of Pub. L. 92-181 was renumbered section 2.7 and is classified to section 2077 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 7, 1988, see section 1861(d) of Pub. L. 101-624, set out as an Effective Date of 1990 Amendment note under section 2001 of Title 7, Agriculture.

## § 2077. Taxation

Each production credit association and its obligations are instrumentalities of the United States and as such any and all notes, debentures, and other obligations issued by such associations shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation (except surtaxes, estate, inheritance, and gift taxes) now or hereafter imposed by the United States or any State, territorial, or local taxing authority, except that interest on such obligations shall be subject to Federal income taxation in the hands of the holder.

(Pub. L. 92–181, title II,  $\S2.7$ , formerly  $\S2.6$ , as added Pub. L. 100–233, title IV,  $\S401$ , Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1633; amended Pub. L. 100–399, title IV,  $\S401(r)$ , Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 998; renumbered  $\S2.7$ , Pub. L. 101–624, title XVIII,  $\S1833(1)$ , Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3832.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2077, Pub. L. 92–181, title II,  $\S$ 2.6, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 595; Pub. L. 96–592, title II,  $\S$ 206, Dec.