

(4) with respect to requests that resulted in the commencement of litigation—

(A) the number of days between the date of the request and the commencement of the litigation; and

(B) the number of days between the date of the commencement and termination of the litigation; and

(5) the number of litigation requests pending at the beginning of the calendar year, the number of requests made during the calendar year, the number of requests for which action was completed during the calendar year, and the number of requests pending at the end of the calendar year.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XIII, §1319B, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3950; Pub. L. 103-325, title V, §529(c), Sept. 23, 1994, 108 Stat. 2267; Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title I, §§1103(b), 1161(a)(6), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2665, 2779.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), was in the original “this title”, meaning title XIII of Pub. L. 102-550, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3941, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title XIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4501 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-289, §1161(a)(6), substituted “Committee on Financial Services” for “Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 110-289, §1103(b)(1)–(4), substituted “regulated entity” for “enterprise” and “regulated entities” for “enterprises” wherever appearing and substituted a semicolon for “; and” at end of par. (3) and “1994; and” for “1994.” at end of par. (4).

Subsec. (a)(5) to (7). Pub. L. 110-289, §1103(b)(5), added pars. (5) to (7).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-289, §1161(a)(6), substituted “Committee on Financial Services” for “Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs” in introductory provisions.

1994—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 103-325 added par. (4).

§ 4522. Public disclosure of final orders and agreements

(a) In general

The Director shall make available to the public—

(1) any written agreement or other written statement for which a violation may be redressed by the Director or any modification to or termination thereof, unless the Director, in the Director’s discretion, determines that public disclosure would be contrary to the public interest or determines under subsection (c) that public disclosure would seriously threaten the financial health or security of the enterprise;

(2) any order that is issued with respect to any administrative enforcement proceeding initiated by the Director under subchapter III and that has become final; and

(3) any modification to or termination of any final order made public pursuant to this subsection.

(b) Hearings

All hearings on the record with respect to any action of the Director or notice of charges is-

sued by the Director shall be open to the public, unless the Director, in the Director’s discretion, determines that holding an open hearing would be contrary to the public interest.

(c) Delay of public disclosure under exceptional circumstances

If the Director makes a determination in writing that the public disclosure of any final order pursuant to subsection (a) would seriously threaten the financial health or security of the enterprise, the Director may delay the public disclosure of such order for a reasonable time.

(d) Documents filed under seal in public enforcement hearings

The Director may file any document or part thereof under seal in any hearing under subchapter III if the Director determines in writing that disclosure thereof would be contrary to the public interest.

(e) Retention of documents

The Director shall keep and maintain a record, for not less than 6 years, of all documents described in subsection (a) and all enforcement agreements and other supervisory actions and supporting documents issued with respect to or in connection with any enforcement proceeding initiated by the Director under subchapter III.

(f) Disclosures to Congress

This section may not be construed to authorize the withholding of any information from, or to prohibit the disclosure of any information to, the Congress or any committee or subcommittee thereof.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XIII, §1319C, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3951.)

§ 4523. Limitation on subsequent employment

Neither the Director nor any former officer or employee of the Agency who, while employed by the Agency, was compensated at a rate in excess of the lowest rate for a position classified higher than GS-15 of the General Schedule under section 5107 of title 5 may accept compensation from an enterprise during the 2-year period beginning on the date of separation from employment by the Agency.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XIII, §1319D, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3951; Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title I, §1161(a)(5), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2779.)

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-289 substituted “the Agency” for “the Office” wherever appearing.

§ 4524. Audits by GAO

The Comptroller General may audit the operations of the Agency, and any such audit shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted Government auditing standards. All books, records, accounts, reports, files, and property belonging to, or used by, the Agency shall be made available to the Comptroller General.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XIII, §1319E, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3952; Pub. L. 104-316, title I, §106(h), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3831; Pub. L. 110-289, div.

A, title I, §1161(a)(5), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2779.)

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-289 substituted “the Agency” for “the Office” in two places.

1996—Pub. L. 104-316, in first sentence, substituted “may audit” for “shall audit” and inserted “, and any such audit shall be conducted” after “Office”, and struck out at end “Audits under this section shall be conducted annually for the first 2 fiscal years following October 28, 1992, and as appropriate thereafter.”

§ 4525. Information, records, and meetings

For purposes of subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5—

- (1) the Agency, and
- (2) the Department of Housing and Urban Development, with respect to activities under this chapter,

shall be considered agencies responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XIII, §1319F, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3952; Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title I, §1161(a)(5), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2779.)

AMENDMENTS

2008—Par. (1). Pub. L. 110-289 substituted “the Agency” for “the Office”.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in par. (2), was in the original “this title”, meaning title XIII of Pub. L. 102-550, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3941, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title XIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4501 of this title and Tables.

§ 4526. Regulations and orders

(a) Authority

The Director shall issue any regulations, guidelines, or orders necessary to carry out the duties of the Director under this chapter or the authorizing statutes, and to ensure that the purposes of this chapter and the authorizing statutes are accomplished.

(b) Notice and comment

Any regulations issued by the Director under this section shall be issued after notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the provisions of section 553 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XIII, §1319G, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3952; Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title I, §1107, July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2672.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this title”, meaning title XIII of Pub. L. 102-550, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3941, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title XIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4501 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-289, §1107(1), added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Director shall issue any regulations and orders necessary to carry out the duties of the Director and to carry out this chapter before the expiration of the 18-month period beginning

on the appointment of the Director under section 4512 of this title. Such regulations and orders shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary only to the extent provided in subsections (b) and (c) of section 4513 of this title.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 110-289, §1107(2), struck out subsec. (c). Text read as follows: “The Director may not publish any regulation for comment under subsection (b) of this section unless, not less than 15 days before it is published for comment, the Director has submitted a copy of the regulation, in the form it is intended to be proposed, to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate.”

PART B—ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE DIRECTOR

SUBPART 1—GENERAL AUTHORITY

§ 4541. Prior approval authority for products

(a) In general

The Director shall require each enterprise to obtain the approval of the Director for any product of the enterprise before initially offering the product.

(b) Standard for approval

In considering any request for approval of a product pursuant to subsection (a), the Director shall make a determination that—

- (1) in the case of a product of the Federal National Mortgage Association, the product is authorized under paragraph (2), (3), (4), or (5) of section 1717(b) or section 1719 of this title;
- (2) in the case of a product of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the product is authorized under paragraph (1), (4), or (5) of section 1454(a) of this title;
- (3) the product is in the public interest; and
- (4) the product is consistent with the safety and soundness of the enterprise or the mortgage finance system.

(c) Procedure for approval

(1) Submission of request

An enterprise shall submit to the Director a written request for approval of a product that describes the product in such form as prescribed by order or regulation of the Director.

(2) Request for public comment

Immediately upon receipt of a request for approval of a product, as required under paragraph (1), the Director shall publish notice of such request and of the period for public comment pursuant to paragraph (3) regarding the product, and a description of the product proposed by the request. The Director shall give interested parties the opportunity to respond in writing to the proposed product.

(3) Public comment period

During the 30-day period beginning on the date of publication pursuant to paragraph (2) of a request for approval of a product, the Director shall receive public comments regarding the proposed product.

(4) Offering of product

(A) In general

Not later than 30 days after the close of the public comment period described in