

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 issued 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