

by Pub. L. 102-242, title III, §301(a)(4), Dec. 19, 1991, 105 Stat. 2344.

This chapter, referred to in par. (6), was in the original “this title”, and was translated as meaning “this subtitle”, which is subtitle F of title II of Pub. L. 102-242, Dec. 19, 1991, 105 Stat. 2334, which enacted this chapter, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-203, §1100B(1), substituted “Bureau” for “Board” wherever appearing.

Par. (4). Pub. L. 111-203, §1100B(4), added par. (4) and struck out former par. (4). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The term ‘Board’ means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.”

1996—Par. (6). Pub. L. 104-208 inserted before period at end “, but does not include any nonautomated credit union that was not required to comply with the requirements of this chapter as of September 30, 1996, pursuant to the determination of the National Credit Union Administration Board”.

1994—Par. (1). Pub. L. 103-325 amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (1) read as follows: “The term ‘account’ means any account offered to 1 or more individuals or an unincorporated nonbusiness association of individuals by a depository institution into which a customer deposits funds, including demand accounts, time accounts, negotiable order of withdrawal accounts, and share draft accounts.”

1992—Pub. L. 102-550 made technical amendment to reference to “this chapter” in introductory provisions to reflect correction of corresponding provision of original act.

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-203 effective on the designated transfer date, see section 1100H of Pub. L. 111-203, set out as a note under section 552a of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-550 effective as if included in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991, Pub. L. 102-242, as of Dec. 19, 1991, see section 1609(a) of Pub. L. 102-550, set out as a note under section 191 of this title.

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**SUBCHAPTER I—BILATERAL AND CLEARING ORGANIZATION NETTING**

**§ 4401. Findings and purpose**

The Congress finds that—

(1) many financial institutions engage daily in thousands of transactions with other finan-

cial institutions directly and through clearing organizations;

(2) the efficient processing of such transactions is essential to a smoothly functioning economy;

(3) such transactions can be processed most efficiently if, consistent with applicable contractual terms, obligations among financial institutions are netted;

(4) such netting procedures would reduce the systemic risk within the banking system and financial markets; and

(5) the effectiveness of such netting procedures can be assured only if they are recognized as valid and legally binding in the event of the closing of a financial institution participating in the netting procedures.

(Pub. L. 102-242, title IV, §401, Dec. 19, 1991, 105 Stat. 2371.)

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SEPARABILITY

If any provision of Pub. L. 102-242 or any application of any provision thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of Pub. L. 102-242 and the application of any remaining provision of such Act to any other person or circumstance not to be affected by such holding, see section 481 of Pub. L. 102-242, set out as a note under section 1811 of this title.

**§ 4402. Definitions**

For purposes of this subchapter—

**(1) Broker or dealer**

The term “broker or dealer” means—

(A) any company that is registered or licensed under Federal or State law to engage in the business of brokering, underwriting, or dealing in securities in the United States; and

(B) to the extent consistent with this title,<sup>1</sup> as determined by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, any company that is an affiliate of a company described in subparagraph (A) and that is engaged in the business of entering into netting contracts.

**(2) Clearing organization**

The term “clearing organization” means a clearinghouse, clearing association, clearing corporation, or similar organization—

(A) that provides clearing, netting, or settlement services for its members and—

(i) in which all members other than the clearing organization itself are financial institutions or other clearing organizations; or

(ii) which is registered as a clearing agency under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 [15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.], or is exempt from such registration by order of the Securities and Exchange Commission; or

(B) that is registered as a derivatives clearing organization under section 7a-1 of title 7, that has been granted an exemption under section 6(c)(1) of title 7, or that is a multilateral clearing organization (as defined in section 4421<sup>1</sup> of this title).

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.