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# FINAL RULES

# **Civil Penalty Inflation Adjustments**

January 15, 2022

• The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 and further amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (Inflation Adjustment Act), directs Federal agencies to adjust for inflation the civil penalty amounts within their jurisdiction not later than July 1, 2016, and then not later than January 15 every year thereafter.



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## **Simplification of Deposit Insurance Rules**

## January 28, 2022

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation is amending its regulations governing deposit insurance
coverage. The amendments simplify the deposit insurance regulations by establishing a "trust
accounts" category that governs coverage of deposits of both revocable trusts and irrevocable trusts
using a common calculation, and provide consistent deposit insurance treatment for all mortgage
servicing account balances held to satisfy principal and interest obligations to a lender.

Effective Date: April 1, 2024



# Pilot Program on Sharing of Suspicious Activity Reports and Related Information With Foreign Branches, Subsidiaries and Affiliates

## January 25, 2022

• FinCEN is issuing this notice of proposed rulemaking to seek public comment on the proposed establishment of a limited-duration pilot program, subject to conditions set by FinCEN, to permit a financial institution with a suspicious activity report (SAR) reporting obligation to share SARs and information related to SARs with the institution's foreign branches, subsidiaries and affiliates for the purpose of combating illicit finance risk, in accordance with Section 6212(a) of the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020 (AML Act).

#### **Additional Details**



## **Money Market Fund Reforms**

## February 8, 2022

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is proposing amendments to certain rules that govern money market funds under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The proposed amendments are designed to improve the resilience and transparency of money market funds. The proposal would remove the liquidity fee and redemption gate provisions in the existing rule, which would eliminate an incentive for preemptive redemptions from certain money market funds and could encourage funds to more effectively use their existing liquidity buffers in times of stress. The proposal would also require institutional prime and institutional tax-exempt money market funds to implement swing pricing policies and procedures to require redeeming investors to bear the liquidity costs of their decisions to redeem. The Commission is also proposing to increase the daily liquid asset and weekly liquid asset minimum liquidity requirements, to 25 percent and 50 percent respectively, to provide a more substantial buffer in the event of rapid redemptions. The proposal would amend certain reporting requirements on Forms N-MFP and N-CR to improve the availability of information about money market funds, as well as make certain conforming changes to Form N-1A to reflect our proposed changes to the regulatory framework for these funds. In addition, the Commission is proposing rule amendments to address how money market funds with stable net asset values should handle a negative interest rate environment. Finally, the Commission is proposing rule amendments to specify how funds must calculate weighted average maturity and weighted average life.



# **Succession Planning**

## February 3, 2022

- Through this proposed rule, the NCUA Board (Board) would require that Federal Credit Union (FCU) boards of directors establish and adhere to processes for succession planning. The succession plans will help to ensure that the credit union has plans to fill key positions, such as officers of the board, management officials, executive committee members, supervisory committee members, and (where provided for in the bylaws) the members of the credit committee to provide continuity of operations. In addition, the proposed rule would require directors to be knowledgeable about the FCU's succession plan. Although the proposed rule would apply only to FCUs, the Board's purpose is to encourage and strengthen succession planning for all credit unions. The proposed rule would provide FCUs with broad discretion in implementing the proposed regulatory requirements to minimize any burden.
- Comments must be received on or before April 4, 2022.



## Rule 10b5-1 and Insider Trading

## February 15, 2022

- The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is proposing amendments to its rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The proposed amendments would add new conditions to the availability of an affirmative defense under an Exchange Act rule that are designed to address concerns about abuse of the rule to opportunistically trade securities on the basis of material nonpublic information in ways that harm investors and undermine the integrity of the securities markets. The Commission is also proposing new disclosure requirements regarding the insider trading policies of issuers, and the adoption and termination (including modification) of certain trading arrangements by directors, officers and issuers. In addition, the Commission is proposing amendments to the disclosure requirements for executive and director compensation regarding the timing of equity compensation awards made in close proximity in time to the issuer's disclosure of material nonpublic information. Finally, the Commission is proposing amendments to Forms 4 and 5 to identify transactions made pursuant to certain trading arrangements, and to disclose all gifts of securities on Form 4.
- Comments should be received on or before April 1, 2022.



# Prohibition Against Fraud, Manipulation or Deception in Connection With Security-Based Swaps; Prohibition Against Undue Influence Over Chief Compliance Officers; Position Reporting of Large Security-Based Swap Positions

## February 4, 2022

- The Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") is re-proposing for comment a rule under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), which would be a new rule designed to prevent fraud, manipulation and deception in connection with effecting transactions in, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of, any security-based swap. The rule is designed specifically to take into account the unique features of a security-based swap and would explicitly reach misconduct in connection with the ongoing payments and deliveries that typically occur throughout the life of a security-based swap. The Commission also is proposing a new rule, which would make it unlawful for any officer, director, supervised person or employee of a security-based swap dealer or major security-based swap participant, or any person acting under such person's direction, to directly or indirectly take any action to coerce, manipulate, mislead or fraudulently influence the security-based swap dealer's or major security-based swap participant's chief compliance officer ("CCO") in the performance of their duties under the federal securities laws or the rules and regulations thereunder. Finally, the Commission is using its authority under the Exchange Act to propose for comment a new rule, which would require any person with a security-based swap position that exceeds a certain threshold to promptly file with the Commission a schedule disclosing certain information related to its security-based swap position.
- Comments should be received on or before March 21, 2022.



## **Share Repurchase Disclosure Modernization**

## February 15, 2022

- The Securities and Exchange Commission is proposing amendments to modernize and improve disclosure about repurchases of an issuer's equity securities that are registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Specifically, the proposed amendments would require an issuer to provide more timely disclosure on a new Form SR regarding purchases of its equity securities for each day that it, or an affiliated purchaser, makes a share repurchase. The proposed amendments would also enhance the existing periodic disclosure requirements about these purchases.
- Comments should be received on or before April 1, 2022.



# Acting Comptroller Issues Statement on Court Decision Regarding 'Madden' Rule

February 9, 2022

Acting Comptroller of the Currency Michael J. Hsu issued the following statement regarding the decision issued by the District Court for the Northern District of California in the litigation challenging the Office of the Currency (OCC) rule to clarify the permissible interest on transferred loans.

"Today, the district court affirmed the validity of the OCC's rule, which provides that when a national bank or state or federal savings association sells, assigns, or otherwise transfers a loan, the interest permissible before the transfer continues to be permissible after the transfer.

This legal certainty should be used to the benefit of consumers and not be abused. I want to reiterate that predatory lending has no place in the federal banking system. The OCC is committed to strong supervision that expands financial inclusion and ensures banks are not used as a vehicle for 'rent-a-charter' arrangements."



# COMPLIANCE CALENDAR >

Effective Date	Implementing Rule/Regulation	Additional Details
November 1, 2020	New URLA Required Use	• <u>Issuance</u>
November 19, 2020	Payday, Vehicle Title and Certain High-Cost Installment Loans; Delay of Compliance Date	• <u>Issuance</u>
January 1, 2021	Truth in Lending (Regulation Z) Annual Threshold Adjustments (Credit Cards, HOEPA and Qualified Mortgages)	• <u>Rule</u>
January 1, 2021	CRA Asset-Size Adjustment for Small and Intermediate Small Institutions	• <u>Rule</u>
January 1, 2021	HMDA Adjustment to Asset-Size Exemption Threshold	• <u>Rule</u>
March 1, 2021	Extended URLA Implementation Timeline	• <u>Issuance</u>
November 30, 2021	Final Rule Implementing Regulations for the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act	• <u>Rule</u>
January 1, 2022	Regulation C Final Rule Establishing 200 Loans as the Permanent HMDA Data Reporting Threshold for Open-End Lines of Credit	• <u>Rule</u>
October 1, 2022	Mandatory Compliance for QM Definitions under Regulation Z	• <u>Rule</u>





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