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Semiannual Regulatory Flexibility Agenda

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: The Board is issuing this agenda under the Regulatory Flexibility Act and the Board's Statement of Policy Regarding Expanded Rulemaking Procedures. The Board anticipates having under consideration regulatory matters as indicated below during the period April 1 through October 1, 2000. The next agenda will be published in October 2000.

DATES: Comments about the form or content of the agenda may be submitted any time during the next 6 months.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary of the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A staff contact for each item is indicated with the regulatory description below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board is publishing its April 2000 agenda as part of the April 2000 Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions, which is coordinated by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866. The Agenda also identifies rules the Board has selected for review under section 610(c) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and public comment is invited on those

entries. Participation by the Board in the Unified Agenda is on a voluntary basis.

The Board's agenda is divided into three sections. The first, Proposed Rule Stage, reports on matters the Board may consider for public comment during the next 6 months. The second section, Final Rule Stage, reports on matters that have been proposed and are under Board consideration. A third section, Completed Actions, reports on regulatory matters the Board has completed or is not expected to consider further. Matters begun and completed between issues of the Agenda have not been included.

A dot (•) preceding an entry indicates a new matter that was not a part of the Board's previous agenda and which the Board has not completed.

Barbara R. Lowrey,
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4237. REGULATION: C — HOME MORTGAGE DISCLOSURE (DOCKET NUMBER: R-1001)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 2801

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 203

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In March 1998, pursuant to requirements of section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 and section 2222 of the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996, the Board approved issuing for public comment an advance notice of proposed rulemaking for Regulation C, which implements the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) (63 FR 12329, March 12, 1998). Regulation C requires most mortgage lenders located in metropolitan statistical areas to report annually to Federal agencies and disclose to the public information about their home purchase and home improvement lending activity. The review will determine whether Regulation C should be revised to address technological and other developments; better balance consumer protections and industry burden; and delete obsolete provisions. To gather information necessary for this review and to ensure the participation of interested parties, the Board solicited comment on several specific issues,

while also soliciting comment generally on potential revisions to the regulation.

It is not anticipated that any proposed notice of rulemaking would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities subject to the Board's regulation. Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action by mid-year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	03/12/98	63 FR 12329
Further Board action by	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 7100-AC51

4238. • REGULATION: E — ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 1693 et seq

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 205

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In November 1999, the Congress amended the Electronic Funds Transfer Act as a part of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. The purpose of the amendments is to require disclosure of automatic transfer machine (ATM) fees imposed by ATM operators on consumers who hold accounts at other institutions.

Within the next two months, the Board is expected to consider issuing for public comment proposed amendments to Regulation E implementing the statutory provisions. It is undetermined at this time whether the proposals will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board will consider requesting comments by	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 7100-AC67

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4239. • REGULATION: H — MEMBERSHIP OF STATE BANKING INSTITUTIONS IN THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 335; 12 USC 1835a

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 208

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: During the next two months, the Board will consider issuing for public comment proposed amendments to Regulation H to implement section 121 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act for state member banks. Section 121 in part authorizes state member banks to control, or hold an interest in, subsidiaries (financial subsidiaries) so as to conduct certain activities that are financial in nature or incidental thereto, if the Comptroller of the Currency has approved such activities to be conducted in the financial subsidiary of a national bank, and subject to the same conditions and limitations as authorized by the Comptroller.

The Board will also consider amending section 208.7 of Regulation H (deposit production offices) to conform its definitional provisions to section 106 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. In addition, the Board will consider amending an existing Miscellaneous Interpretation (12 CFR 250.141) (relating to member bank purchases of stock in operations subsidiaries) to update its provisions and conform to section 121.

It is not anticipated that the proposals will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities subject to the Board's regulation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board will consider proposals by	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 7100-AC69

4240. REGULATION: T — CREDIT BY BROKERS AND DEALERS; REGULATION: U — CREDIT BY BANKS; AND REGULATION: X — BORROWERS OF SECURITIES CREDIT (DOCKET NUMBER: R-0995)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 78G, Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 220; 12 CFR 221; 12 CFR 224

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: As part of the regular review of its regulations and in accordance with requirements of section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994, and section 610(c) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1994, the Board is conducting a review of its margin regulations. In order to complete this review, the Board approved issuing for public comment an advance notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comment in December 1997 (63 FR 2840, January 16, 1998). The advance notice highlights issues raised by commenters in response to previous requests for comment that had not been addressed by the Board in the course of its periodic review. It also provides an opportunity to further harmonize the treatment of bank and nonbank lenders under the revised Regulation U adopted by the Board at the same time as the advance notice. The advance notice also invites comment on all areas of the regulations.

Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action by mid-year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	01/16/98	63 FR 2840
Further Board action by	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 7100-AC45

4241. • REGULATION: Y — BANK HOLDING COMPANIES AND CHANGE IN BANK CONTROL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 1844(b); 12 USC 1843(k)(4)(H); 12 USC 1843(k)(7)

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 225

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Section 103 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act ("GLB Act") authorizes bank holding companies that qualify as financial holding companies to engage in merchant banking activities as described and subject to the conditions set forth in section 4(k)(4)(H) of the Bank Holding Company Act, as amended. Section 103 also authorizes the Board and the Secretary of the Treasury to jointly issue regulations implementing section 4(k)(4)(H). The GLB Act provides that these regulations may include limitations on transactions between depository institutions and companies controlled pursuant to the merchant banking authority and other restrictions or provisions that the Board and the Secretary of the Treasury deem appropriate to protect depository institutions and to assure compliance with, and prevent evasions of, the GLB Act and the Bank Holding Company Act.

In the next two months, the Board, with the Secretary of the Treasury, will consider whether to seek public comment on a proposed amendment to Regulation Y to implement the merchant banking provisions of the GLB Act. It is not anticipated that the proposal will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities subject to the Board's regulation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board will consider requesting comments by	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 7100-AC65

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4242. • REGULATION: Y — BANK HOLDING COMPANIES AND CHANGE IN BANK CONTROL**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 1844(b)**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 225**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Title I of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (“GLB Act”) makes a number of miscellaneous amendments to sections 3, 4, and 5 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (“BHC Act”) and adds a new section 10A to the BHC Act. These amendments, among other things, prohibit the Board from determining that new activities are closely related to banking under section 4(c)(8) of the BHC Act; streamline the Board’s reporting, examination, and other supervisory authority over bank holding companies and their subsidiaries; reduce the restrictions applicable to “nonbank banks” that are exempt from the nonbanking restrictions of the BHC Act under section 4(f) of that Act; and repeal the savings bank life insurance provisions currently set forth in section 3(g) of the BHC Act.

Within the next six months, the Board will consider issuing for public comment amendments to Regulation Y to implement the provisions of the GLB Act affecting the BHC Act that are not addressed in proposed rules described elsewhere in the Board’s agenda. It is not anticipated that the proposals will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities subject to the Board’s regulation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board will consider requesting comments by	09/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 7100-AC66**4243. • REGULATION: BB — COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 1831y**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 228**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Section 711 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act added a new section 48 to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. Section 711 requires insured depository institutions (and their affiliates) and nongovernmental entities or persons that enter into agreements that relate to the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 and that meet other criteria to (i) make the agreements available to the public and the appropriate federal banking agency and (ii) file annual reports concerning the agreements with the appropriate federal banking agency. Section 711 requires each federal banking agency to adopt regulations designed to ensure and monitor compliance with the requirements of the section. The Board is expected to issue for public comment a proposed amendment to Regulation BB to implement section 711 within the next six months. Any proposal would attempt to minimize the economic impact on small entities subject to the Board’s regulation, and comment will be requested on any burden imposed by the rule on small entities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board will consider proposal by	07/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Kieran Fallon, Senior Counsel, Federal Reserve System, Legal Division
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RIN: 7100-AC64**4244. • APPLICABILITY OF SECTIONS 23A AND 23B OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE ACT TO TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN INSURED DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR AFFILIATES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 371c; 12 USC 371c-1**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 223**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: During the next two months, in response to passage of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, the Board will consider issuing for public comment a new regulation to implement sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act. Sections 23A and 23B regulate transactions between insured depository institutions and their affiliates. The regulation will codify existing interpretations and implement several pending proposals. (See Docket Numbers: R-0977, R-1015, and R-1016). It is not expected that any new proposal will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities that are subject to the Board’s regulation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board will consider proposals by	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 7100-AC63**4245. • FAIR CREDIT REPORTING****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 1681 et seq**CFR Citation:** Not Yet Determined**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: In 1996, the Congress amended the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) as part of the Consumer Credit Reporting Reform Act. The amendments prohibited the federal regulatory agencies from issuing implementing regulations. In November 1999, the Congress once again amended

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the FCRA as part of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. The amendments lifted the prohibition and directed the Board, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of Thrift Supervision to issue implementing regulations jointly.

Within the next two months, the agencies are expected to issue proposed regulations for public comment. It is undetermined at this time whether the proposals will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board will consider requesting comment by	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 7100-AC68

4246. • INSURANCE CUSTOMER PROTECTIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 12 USC 1831x

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, November 12, 2000.

Abstract: Within the next six months the Board is expected to consider issuing for public comment proposals to implement section 305 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act which requires the federal banking agencies to adopt customer protection regulations that apply to the retail sales practices, solicitations, advertising, or offers of

any insurance product by any depository institution or any person engaged in such activities at an office of a depository institution or on behalf of the institution. The regulations must address: tying and coercive sales practices, disclosures and advertising, separation of routine deposit taking from insurance product activity, licensing and qualifications, non-discrimination against victims of domestic violence, and consumer grievance procedures. Section 305 provides that the federal banking agencies may in certain circumstances determine that state laws are preempted by the agencies' regulations. It is undetermined at this time whether the proposals will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board will request comment by	08/00/00	

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Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 7100-AC62

4247. SECTION 303 REGULATORY REVIEW (SECTION 610 REVIEW)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 4803(a)(1); 5 USC 610

CFR Citation: 12 CFR ch II

Legal Deadline: Other, Statutory, September 23, 1996, Progress Report due to Congress.

Abstract: In response to the requirements of section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994, as modified by section 402 of the Credit

Union Membership Access Act of 1998, the Board is reviewing its regulations for purposes of streamlining, improving efficiency, reducing unnecessary costs, and removing inconsistencies and outmoded/duplicative requirements. The Board is also working jointly with the other banking agencies to make uniform regulations and guidelines implementing common statutory and supervisory policies. A regulatory review timetable was published in the Federal Register in October 1995 (60 FR 53546 October 16, 1995). Progress reports were sent to the Congress in September 1996 and August 1999. It is expected that the Board will seek public comment during the course of the reviews of the regulations listed below. Review of Regulations Z and DD is expected during the next twelve months, and review of Regulations H and Y, Appendices, is expected in 2002. Reviews already proposed for public comment appear elsewhere in the Agenda.

Items below indicated with an asterisk will also be reviewed by the Board in accordance with the periodic review requirements of section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act:

Regulations H and Y, Appendices, Capital Adequacy Guidelines.

*Regulation Z, Truth in Lending.

*Regulation D, Truth in Savings.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board action expected during the next twelve months on Regulations Z and DD	02/00/01	

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Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 7100-AC09

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4248. REGULATION: B — EQUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY (DOCKET NUMBER: R-1008) (SECTION 610 REVIEW)**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 1691**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 202**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: In March 1998, pursuant to requirements of section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994, section 610(c) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1994, and section 2222 of the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996, the Board approved issuing for public comment an advance notice of proposed rulemaking for Regulation B (63 FR 12326, March 12, 1998) which implements the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA). The ECOA makes it unlawful for creditors to discriminate against an applicant in any aspect of a credit transaction on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, age, and other specified bases.

In June 1999, following review of the public comments on the advance notice, the Board approved for public comment a proposed rule amending Regulation B (64 FR 44582, August 16, 1999). Major revisions in the proposal include removing the general prohibition against obtaining information about applicant characteristics such as national origin or gender, although such information still generally may not be considered in extending credit; adding a disclosure requirement for creditors that voluntarily collect data on applicant characteristics; requiring creditors to retain certain records for preapproved credit solicitations; and extending the record retention period for most business credit applications.

Based on the regulatory flexibility analysis, it is not expected that the proposal will have a significant impact on small entities. Although there would be a new disclosure requirement for creditors that voluntarily request information about applicant characteristics, a model form is proposed to ease compliance. Also, there is a new requirement to retain certain records for preapproved credit solicitations. For business reasons, many institutions already retain some of the preapproved credit solicitation

information being sought. In addition, compliance burdens should be minimized by the fact that creditors may use a variety of methods, such as electronic storage, to retain records.

Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action by mid-year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment on advance notice	03/12/98	63 FR 12326
Board requested comment on proposed rule	08/16/99	64 FR 44582
Further Board action by	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 7100-AC54**4249. REGULATION: B — EQUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY; AND REGULATION: Z — TRUTH IN LENDING (DOCKET NUMBERS: R-1040 AND R-1043)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 1601 et seq; 12 USC 4301 et seq**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 202; 12 CFR 213; 12 CFR 226; 12 CFR 230**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: In March 1998, the Board issued for public comment proposals to amend its consumer regulations, B (Equal Credit Opportunity) and Z (Truth in Lending), to permit electronic communications to substitute generally for oral or written disclosures documentation and notices required under the individual regulations (63 FR 14548, March 25, 1998). Comment was also requested on similar amendments to Regulations M (Consumer Leasing) and DD (Truth in Savings) described in separate entries in the Agenda (see Docket Numbers: R-1042 and R-1044). At the same time, similar amendments to Regulation E, proposed as part of the Board's overall review of its regulations as required by section 303 of the Riegle

Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994, were adopted as an interim rule (see Docket Number: R-1002; RIN: 7100-AC06). The Board identified the use of electronic communication between consumers and financial institutions as an area that offered an opportunity to reduce regulatory compliance burden without adversely affecting consumer protections.

In August 1999, based on comments received in response to the March proposals, the Board approved publishing for comment additional proposals on electronic communications to provide more detailed guidance on using electronic communications to deliver disclosures to consumers and others (64 FR 46988, September 14, 1999). The Board extended the period for providing comments on the proposal to March 3, 2000. Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action within the next two months. It is not anticipated that the proposals would have a significant economic impact on small institutions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	03/25/98	63 FR 14548
Board approved publishing additional proposal on electronic communications	09/14/99	64 FR 46988
Board extended comment period	12/08/99	64 FR 69963
Further Board action by	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 7100-AC46**4250. REGULATION: D — RESERVE REQUIREMENTS OF DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS (DOCKET NUMBER: R-0956)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 248(a); 12 USC 248(c); 12 USC 371a; 12 USC 461; 12 USC 601; 12 USC 611; 12 USC 3105**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 204

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Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In December 1996, the Board issued for public comment a proposed rule that would revise and clarify the definition of "savings deposit" consistent with comments received in connection with the Board's June 1996 proposal to simplify Regulation D. The proposal would also make conforming changes to the definition of "transaction account" (61 FR 96054, December 31, 1996). No substantive change in the regulation is intended. It is not expected that the proposal will have a significant adverse impact upon a substantial number of small entities. Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action within the next six months.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	12/31/96	61 FR 69054
Further Board action by	08/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 7100-AC11

**4251. REGULATION: E —
ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS
(DOCKET NUMBERS: R-0919 AND R-1041)**
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 1693 et seq**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 205**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: In May 1996, the Board issued for public comment proposed amendments to Regulation E imposing modified requirements on stored-value products in systems that track individual transactions, cards, or consumers and providing an exemption for cards on which a maximum value of \$100 can be stored (Docket Number: R-0919; 61 FR 19696, May 2, 1996).

The Board also proposed, and subsequently adopted in September 1998, an extension of the error resolution time limits for new accounts. The proposal also included permitting electronic communications to substitute

generally for oral or written disclosures, documentation, and notices required under Regulation E.

The proposals were part of the Board's overall review of its regulations as required by section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 and section 610(c) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1994. It is not expected that the proposals would have a significant economic impact on small institutions.

In March 1998, following review of the public comments, the Board issued an interim rule, with request for comments, to permit electronic communications to substitute for disclosures, documentation, and notices under Regulation E (Docket Number: R-1002; 63 FR 14528, March 25, 1998).

In August 1999, based on public comments received, the Board approved publishing an additional proposal for comment on the electronic communications rule to provide more detailed guidance on the use of electronic communications to deliver disclosures to consumers (64 FR 49699, September 14, 1999). The interim rule remains in effect until Board consideration of a final rule. The Board extended the period for providing comments on the proposal to March 3, 2000. Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action within the next two months. Action on the stored-value card amendment is expected by year-end.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	05/02/96	61 FR 19696
Board adopted interim rule on electronic communications	03/25/98	63 FR 14528
Board adopted final rule on new accounts	09/29/98	63 FR 52115
Board approved publishing additional proposal on electronic communications	09/14/99	64 FR 49699
Board extended comment period	12/08/99	64 FR 69963
Further Board action by	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 7100-AC06

**4252. REGULATION: H —
MEMBERSHIP OF STATE BANKING
INSTITUTIONS IN THE FEDERAL
RESERVE SYSTEM; AND
REGULATION: Y — BANK HOLDING
COMPANIES AND CHANGE IN BANK
CONTROL (DOCKET NUMBER: R-
0930)**
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 36; 12 USC 248(a); 12 USC 248(c); 12 USC 321 to 338a; 12 USC 371d; 12 USC 461; 12 USC 481 to 486; 12 USC 601; 12 USC 611; 12 USC 1814; 12 USC 1823(j); 12 USC 1828(o); 12 USC 1831(o); 12 USC 1831p-1; 12 USC 3105

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 208 app A**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: In August 1996, the Board issued for public comment a proposal to revise the risk-based capital treatment for certain collateralized transactions (61 FR 42565, August 16, 1996). Under the Board's existing risk-based capital treatment, the portion of a transaction that is supported by qualifying collateral (that is, cash or OECD government securities) is risk-weighted at 20 percent. Transactions that are fully supported by collateral with a positive margin may be eligible for a zero percent risk weight.

Generally, the proposal would permit a portion of a transaction that is fully supported with a positive margin of collateral to be eligible for a zero percent risk weight. The portion that is to be continuously collateralized must be specified by the parties.

This proposal was developed on an interagency basis and, if adopted, would eliminate one of the substantive differences among the agencies with regard to the risk-based capital treatment for collateralized transactions. It would implement part of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994, which requires the agencies to make uniform regulations and guidelines implementing common supervisory policies. The effect of the proposal would be to allow institutions to hold less capital for certain

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collateralized transactions. It is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Following review of the public comments and development of an inter-agency final rule, the Board is expected to take further action during the first half of 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	08/16/96	61 FR 42565
Further Board action by	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4253. REGULATION: H — MEMBERSHIP OF STATE BANKING INSTITUTIONS IN THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM; AND REGULATION: Y — BANK HOLDING COMPANIES AND CHANGE IN BANK CONTROL (DOCKET NUMBER: R-1055)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 36; 12 USC 248(a); 12 USC 248(c); 12 USC 321 to 338; 12 USC 371d; 12 USC 461; 12 USC 481 to 486; 12 USC 601; 12 USC 611; 12 USC 1814; 12 USC 1817(j)(13); 12 USC 1818; 12 USC 1823(j); 12 USC 1828(o); 12 USC 1831i

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 208 app A; 12 CFR 225 app A

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In November 1997, the Board, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of Thrift Supervision ("the agencies") issued for public comment proposals to use credit ratings from nationally recognized statistical rating organizations to determine the capital treatment for recourse obligations, direct credit substitutes, and senior asset-backed securities (62 FR 59944, November 5, 1997). In February 2000, based on the public comments, the Board and the other agencies approved issuing for further

comment a proposal to clarify and revise the regulatory capital treatment of securitized transactions. The proposal would treat recourse obligations and direct credit substitutes more consistently than the agencies' current risk-based capital standards.

Small entities would be affected by the proposals only to the extent that they engage in extending recourse arrangements and direct credit substitutes or purchasing asset-backed securities. It is not expected that the proposals will have a significant economic impact on small institutions. Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action within the next six months.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	11/05/97	62 FR 59944
Board approved requesting additional comment	03/08/00	65 FR 12320
Further Board action by	08/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4254. REGULATION: K — INTERNATIONAL BANKING OPERATIONS (DOCKET NUMBER: R-0994)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major under 5 USC 801.

Legal Authority: 12 USC 221 et seq; 12 USC 248(i); 12 USC 248(k); 12 USC 1818; 12 USC 1835a; 12 USC 1841 et seq; 12 USC 3101 et seq; 12 USC 3109 et seq

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 211

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In December 1997, consistent with section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994, the International Banking Act of 1978, and section 2222 of the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996, the Board

reviewed and proposed for public comment a number of changes to Regulation K, which governs international banking operations (62 FR 68424, December 31, 1997). Subpart A of Regulation K governs the foreign investments and activities of all member banks. The proposed amendments include streamlined foreign branching procedures for U.S. banking organizations, authorization of expanded activities in foreign branches of U.S. banks, and expansion of the authority of U.S. banking organizations to engage in equity dealing and underwriting and to make venture capital investments outside the United States. Subpart B of Regulation K governs the U.S. activities of foreign banking organizations. The proposed amendments include revisions aimed at streamlining the applications procedures applicable to foreign banks seeking to expand operations in the United States, changes to provisions regarding the qualification of certain foreign banking organizations for exemption from the nonbanking prohibitions of section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act, and implementation of provisions of the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 that affect foreign banks. In addition, a number of technical and clarifying amendments to subparts A and B, as well as to subpart C which governs export trading companies, and certain amendments to the Board's Rules Regarding Delegation of Authority have been proposed. Aspects of the proposed rule may have to be reconsidered in light of the enactment of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

The proposed amendments are not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action by mid-year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	12/31/97	62 FR 68424
Further Board action by	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4255. REGULATION: M — CONSUMER LEASING (DOCKET NUMBER: R-1042)**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 1667**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 213**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: As part of the Board's overall review of its regulations under section 610(c) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1994 and section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994, the Board determined that the use of electronic communications to deliver information to consumers that is required by Federal consumer financial services and fair lending laws could effectively reduce regulatory compliance burden without adversely affecting consumer protections. In March 1998, the Board approved issuing for public comment a proposal to amend Regulation M that would allow lessors to deliver by electronic communication the disclosures required by the Consumer Leasing Act and the Board's regulation, if the consumer agrees to such delivery (63 FR 14538, March 25, 1998). In addition, the proposal contained several technical amendments that were subsequently adopted in September 1998. In August 1999, based on public comments received in response to the March proposal, the Board approved publishing an additional proposal for comment to provide more detailed guidance on the use of electronic communications to deliver disclosures to consumers (64 FR 49713, September 14, 1999).

It is not anticipated that the rule will have any significant impact on small entities. The rule relieves compliance burden and gives lessors flexibility in providing disclosures. The Board extended the period for providing comments on the proposal to March 3, 2000. Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action within the next two months.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	03/25/98	63 FR 14538

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board adopted technical amendments	09/29/98	63 FR 52107
Board approved publishing additional proposal on electronic communications	09/14/99	64 FR 49713
Board extended comment period	12/08/99	64 FR 69963
Further Board action by	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Kyung Cho-Miller, Counsel, Federal Reserve System, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs

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4256. • REGULATION: P — PRIVACY OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL INFORMATION (DOCKET NUMBER: R-1058)**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 6801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 216**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, May 12, 2000.

Abstract: In February 2000, the Board issued for public comment a proposed rule that would require financial institutions to protect the confidentiality and security of nonpublic personal information about consumers (65 FR 8770, February 22, 2000). The proposed rule would implement Title V, Subtitle A, of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. Under the proposal, financial institutions must provide notice to consumers about their privacy policies and practices, describe the conditions under which they may disclose nonpublic personal information about consumers to nonaffiliated third parties, and provide a method for consumers to "opt out" of such disclosures. The proposed rule would apply to financial institutions over which the Board has primary supervisory authority, regardless of size. (Other federal regulatory agencies requested comment on similar rules that would apply to other financial institutions.) The requirements of the rule may have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small institutions, particularly if those

institutions disclose nonpublic personal information about consumers to nonaffiliated third parties. Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take final action by May 12, 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	02/22/00	65 FR 8770
Further Board action by	05/12/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Stephanie Martin, Managing Senior Counsel, Federal Reserve System, Legal Division
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4257. • REGULATION: Y — BANK HOLDING COMPANIES AND CHANGE IN BANK CONTROL (DOCKET NUMBER: R-1057)**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 1843**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 225**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, March 11, 2000.

Abstract: In January 2000, the Board approved an interim rule with request for public comment amending Regulation Y to implement certain provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act that amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (65 FR 3785, January 25, 2000). The interim regulation adds to Regulation Y a new Subpart I, which sets forth the procedures that bank holding companies and foreign banks must follow in order to qualify as financial holding companies and thereby engage in the expanded range of financial activities authorized by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. The new procedures may affect existing bank holding companies and foreign banks that seek to engage in the newly authorized activities, as well as other companies that seek to become bank holding companies. It is not anticipated that the proposal will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities subject to the Board's regulation.

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Following review of the public comments, the Board will make changes to the rule, as appropriate, by mid-year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board approved an interim rule	01/25/00	65 FR 3785
Further Board consideration by	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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4258. • REGULATION: Y — BANK HOLDING COMPANIES AND CHANGE IN BANK CONTROL (DOCKET NUMBER: R-1060)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 1972

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 225.7

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In February 2000, the Board approved issuing for public comment a proposed exception to the anti-tying restrictions of section 106 of the Bank Holding Company Act Amendments of 1970 and the Board's Regulation Y (65 FR 6924, February, 11, 2000). The proposed amendment would establish a "safe harbor" permitting a bank to offer a credit card that can be used to make purchases from a retailer affiliated with the bank. It is expected that the proposed rule would benefit the public by providing consumers with alternative sources of consumer credit, and is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small business entities. Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to take further action by mid-year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	02/11/00	65 FR 6924
Further Board action by	06/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4259. REGULATION: DD — TRUTH IN SAVINGS (DOCKET NUMBER: R-1044)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 4301 et seq

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 230

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Sections 261 to 275 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 require depository institutions to provide a schedule of terms, rates, and fees for deposit accounts offered by the institution. The law also sets forth rules for advertisements for deposit accounts.

In September 1996, the Congress amended the Truth in Savings Act (TISA) as a part of the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996. The amendments repeal the definition of "indoor lobby sign," eliminate any disclosure requirements for nonrenewing time accounts with terms less than 30 days, and exempt certain credit unions from coverage. In March 1998, the Board issued for public comment a proposal that would implement the statutory changes (63 FR 14533, March 25, 1998), and the changes were subsequently adopted in September 1998. The proposal would also allow depository institutions to deliver by electronic communication disclosures required by TISA and the Board's regulation, if the consumer agrees to such delivery. It is not expected that there will be a significant economic impact on small institutions.

In August 1999, based on public comments received on the electronic communications proposal, the Board approved publishing an additional proposal for comment to provide more detailed guidance on the use of electronic communications to deliver disclosures to consumers (64 FR 49740, September 14, 1999). The Board subsequently extended the comment period to March 3, 2000. The Board also approved publishing an interim rule permitting the electronic delivery of Regulation DD disclosures on periodic statements (Docket Number: R-1003). Following review of the public comments, the Board is expected to

take further action within the next two months.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	03/25/98	63 FR 14533
Board adopted statutory changes	09/29/98	63 FR 52106
Board approved publishing additional proposal on electronic communications	09/14/99	64 FR 49740
Board extended comment period	12/08/99	64 FR 69963
Further Board action by	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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4260. APPLICABILITY OF SECTIONS 23A AND 23B OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE ACT TO TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN A MEMBER BANK AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES (DOCKET NUMBER: R-0977)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 371c(b)(1)(E)

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 250.243

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act restrict the ability of a member bank to fund an affiliate through direct investment, loans, or other transactions. In July 1997, the Board issued for public comment a proposal to apply sections 23A and 23B to transactions between a member bank and any subsidiary that engages in activities that are impermissible for the bank itself and that Congress has not previously exempted from coverage by section 23A (62 FR 37744, July 15, 1997). The proposed treatment is largely consistent with the existing treatment of these subsidiaries by the other banking agencies, which have applied sections 23A and 23B in some form to transactions between a bank and such subsidiaries. The issuance of the proposals will avoid the application of sections 23A and 23B on an ad hoc

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basis by different agencies, which could result in confusion and inconsistencies.

The proposal is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses. In light of the passage of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, staff is reviewing the status of this proposal. The Board is expected to take further action during the next six months.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	07/15/97	62 FR 37744
Further Board action by	08/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal

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4261. APPLICABILITY OF SECTION 23A TO THE PURCHASE OF SECURITIES FROM CERTAIN AFFILIATES AND TO LOANS AND EXTENSIONS OF CREDIT MADE BY A MEMBER BANK TO A THIRD PARTY (DOCKET NOS: R-1015 & R-1016)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 371c**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 250**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: In June 1998, the Board issued for public comment two proposed rules to exempt certain transactions from the restrictions of section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act (63 FR 32766, June 16, 1998). Section 23A restricts the ability of a member bank to fund its affiliates through direct investment, loans, or certain other transactions (covered transactions). These proposals are in response to concerns raised by organizations when the Board earlier proposed removal of certain firewalls between insured depository institutions and their section 20 securities affiliates. Several petitioners stated then that, although the removal of the firewalls was welcomed, section 23A continued to limit certain transactions with their section 20 subsidiaries that do not raise significant safety and soundness issues

and impede the efficient operation of the insured depository institutions.

In Docket Number: R-1015, the Board is proposing to expand the kind of assets that may be eligible for the (d)(6) exemption to include securities that, although not so widely traded as to warrant publication of their activity in publications of general circulation, are actively traded and whose price can be obtained from independent reliable sources, if the securities are purchased from a registered broker-dealer.

In Docket Number: R-1016, the Board is proposing to grant two exemptions from section 23A for certain loans and extension of credit made by an insured depository institution to customers that use the proceeds to purchase certain securities from or through the depository institution's registered broker-dealer affiliate. The first exemption would apply when the affiliate is acting solely as a broker or riskless principal in the securities transaction. The second exemption would apply when the extension of credit is made pursuant to a pre-existing line of credit that was not established for the purposes of buying securities from or through an affiliate.

In light of the passage of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, staff is reviewing the status of the proposals. Further action is expected during the next six months. It is not anticipated that the proposals will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	06/16/98	63 FR 32766
Further Board action by	08/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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4262. RULES REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION (DOCKET NUMBER: R-0917)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 552; 12 USC 248(i); 12 USC 248(k); 12 USC 321 et

seq; 12 USC 611 et seq; 12 USC 1442; 12 USC 1817(a)(2)(A); 12 USC 1817(a)(8); 12 USC 1818(u); 12 USC 1818(v); 12 USC 1821(o); 12 USC 1821(t); 12 USC 1830; 12 USC 1844; 12 USC 1951 et seq

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 261**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: In February 1996, the Board issued for public comment proposed amendments to its Rules Regarding Availability of Information (61 FR 7436, February 28, 1996). The proposed amendments, although primarily technical in nature, are intended to improve the Board's efficiency in processing requests for the disclosure of publicly available information as well as confidential supervisory information. It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities subject to the regulation.

In light of the passage of time since the February 1996 proposal was issued, the Board will make changes in that proposal based on the comments received and will reissue revised proposed amendments for further comment. The February 1996 proposal deals primarily with the discretionary authority of the Board's General Counsel to produce information. These amendments are part of the Board's overall review of its regulations as required by section 303 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994. Further Board action on the remainder of the regulation is expected within the next six months.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Board requested comment	02/28/96	61 FR 7436
Further Board action by	08/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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