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§ 202.8 Refund by suppliers and/or agencies.

(a) *By suppliers.* Any supplier of freight to whom freight charges have been financed by AID will promptly refund to AID upon demand the entire amount, or any lesser amount specified, of such freight charges determined by AID to be in excess of the prevailing rate at time of shipment, if any, or the rate paid the supplier for similar services by other customers similarly situated.

(b) *By agencies.* Any agency to which freight charges have been paid or reimbursed under this Regulation will promptly refund to AID upon demand the entire amount, or any lesser amount specified, of inland transportation and/or related shipping costs, (1) whenever AID determines that the reimbursements were improper as being in violation of the provisions of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, and relevant appropriation acts, or any rules, regulations, or procedures of AID promulgated under any of these acts, or (2) whenever it is determined by the agency or AID that any of the supplies for which reimbursement was made have not been accepted duty-free status by the recipient country.

§ 202.9 Waiver authority.

The Administrator may waive, withdraw, or amend from time to time any or all of the provisions of this part.

§ 202.10 Participation by faith-based organizations.

The procedures established under this part shall be administered in compliance with the standards set forth in part 205, Participation by Religious Organizations in USAID Programs, of this chapter.

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PART 204—HOUSING GUARANTY STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Subpart A—Definitions

§ 204.1 Definitions.

Wherever used in these standard terms and conditions:

(a) *A.I.D.* means the United States Agency for International Development or its successor with respect to the housing guaranty authorities contained in title III, chapter 2 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the “Act”).

(b) *Eligible Note(s)* means (a) Note(s) meeting the eligibility criteria set out in § 204.12 hereof.

(c) *Eligible Investor* means an “eligible investor” as defined in section 238(c) of the Act.

(d) *Lender* means an Eligible Investor who initially provides loan funds to the Borrower in exchange for Eligible Note(s).

(e) *Investment* respecting any Eligible Note means the principal amount of such Eligible Note.

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(f) *Assignee* means the owner of an Eligible Note who is registered as an Assignee on the Note Register of Eligible Notes required to be maintained by the Paying Agent and who is an “Eligible Investor.”

(g) *Outstanding Investment* respecting any Eligible Note means the Investment less the net amount of any repayments of principal of the Investment made by or on behalf of the Borrower or A.I.D.

(h) *Further Guaranteed Payments* means the amount of any loss suffered by the Lender or by any Assignee by reason of the Borrower’s failure to comply on a timely basis with any obligation it may have under an Eligible Note to indemnify and hold harmless the Lender and Assignee from taxes or governmental charges or any expense arising out of taxes or any other governmental charges relating to the Note in the country of the Borrower.

(i) *Loss of Investment* respecting any Eligible Note means an amount in Dollars equal to the total of the (1) Outstanding Investment determined as of the Date of Application, (2) Further Guaranteed Payments unpaid as of the Date of Application, and (3) interest accrued at the rate(s) specified in the Note(s) and unpaid on the Outstanding Investment and Further Guaranteed Payments to and including the date on which full payment thereof is made to the Lender or any Assignee.

(j) *Application for Compensation* means an executed application in the form of Exhibit A hereto which the Lender or any Assignee files with A.I.D. pursuant to § 204.21 of this part.

(k) *Applicant* means a Lender or Assignee who files an Application for Compensation with A.I.D.

(l) *Date of Application* means the effective date of an Application for Compensation filed with A.I.D. pursuant to § 204.21 of this part.

(m) *Business Day* means a date on which banks of the District of Columbia of the United States of America are open for business.

(n) *Guaranty Payment Date* means a Business Day not more than sixty (60) calendar days after the related Date of Application; provided that (1) compensation to the party filing the related Application for Compensation is

due and payable on such date, in accordance with the terms of this Guaranty and (2) tender of assignment referred to in subsection 204.21(f) is made as therein provided.

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Subpart B—The Guaranty

§ 204.11 The Guaranty.

Subject to these standard terms and conditions, the United States of America, acting through A.I.D., agrees to pay to any Lender or Assignee who has been determined to be an Eligible Investor compensation in Dollars equal to its Loss of Investment under the Eligible Note; provided, however, that no such payment shall be made for any such loss arising out of fraud or misrepresentation for which such Lender or Assignee is responsible or of which it had knowledge at the time it became such Lender or Assignee.

This Guaranty shall apply to each Eligible Note registered on the Note Register required to be maintained by the Paying Agent.

§ 204.12 Guaranty eligibility.

(a) Eligible Notes only may be guaranteed hereunder, and Eligible Investors only are entitled to the benefits of this Guaranty. Notes in order to achieve Eligible Note status must be signed on behalf of the Borrower, manually or in facsimile, by a duly authorized representative of the Borrower; and they must contain a guaranty legend incorporating these standard terms and conditions signed on behalf of A.I.D. by either a manual signature or a facsimile signature or an authorized representative of A.I.D. together with a certificate of authentication manually executed by a Paying Agent whose appointment by the Borrower is consented to by A.I.D. in a Paying and Transfer Agency Agreement.

(b) A.I.D. shall designate in a certificate delivered to the Lender and to the Paying Agent, the person(s) whose signature shall be binding on A.I.D. The certificate of authentication of the Paying Agent issued pursuant to the

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Paying and Transfer Agency Agreement shall, when manually executed by the Paying Agent, be conclusive evidence binding on A.I.D. that the Note has been duly executed on behalf of the Borrower and delivered.

§ 204.13 Non-impairment of the guaranty.

The full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged to the performance of this Guaranty. The Guaranty shall not be affected or impaired by any defect in the authorization, execution, delivery or enforceability of any agreement or other document executed by the Lender, A.I.D., the Paying Agent or the Borrower in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Guaranty. This non-impairment of the guaranty provision shall not, however, be operative with respect to any amount arising out of fraud or misrepresentation for which the Lender or Assignee is responsible or of which it had knowledge prior to the time it became such Lender or Assignee.

§ 204.14 Transferability of guaranty; Note Register.

The Lender of any Assignee may assign, transfer or pledge the Eligible Notes to any Eligible Investor. Any such assignment, transfer or pledge shall be effective on the date that the name of the new Assignee is entered on the Note Register required to be maintained by the Paying Agent pursuant to the Paying and Transfer Agency Agreement. A.I.D. shall be entitled to treat the persons in whose names the Eligible Notes are registered as the owners thereof for all purposes of this Guaranty and A.I.D. shall not be affected by notice to the contrary.

§ 204.15 Paying agent obligations.

Failure of the Paying Agent to perform any of its obligations pursuant to the Paying and Transfer Agency Agreement shall not impair the Investor's or any Assignee's rights under this Contract of Guaranty, but may be the subject of action for damages against the Paying Agent by A.I.D. as a result of such failure or neglect; provided, however, that the Paying Agent is not authorized to issue and authenticate and

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have Notes outstanding at any time in excess of the principal amount of the Loan.

Subpart C—Procedure for Obtaining Compensation

§ 204.21 Event of default; Application for compensation; Payment.

(a) Within one year after an Event of Default, as this term is defined in an Eligible Note, the Lender or Assignee may file with A.I.D. an Application for Compensation in form as provided in Exhibit A. A.I.D. shall make the required payment not later than sixty (60) days after the Date of Application unless A.I.D. has cured the default under § 204.22.

(b) *Guaranty Payment.* On or before the Guaranty Payment Date, the Applicant shall tender assignment of all Applicant's right, title and interest as of the Date of Application in and to all sums for which Application has been made. A.I.D. shall accept the assignment and pay or cause to be paid to Applicant and compensation due to the Applicant pursuant to the Guaranty.

§ 204.22 Right of A.I.D. to cure default.

Within sixty (60) days after the Date of Application for Compensation, A.I.D. may at any time make payments to the Lender or any Assignee equal to all installments of principal due and unpaid under any Note (other than installments whose maturity has been accelerated), together with interest on the unpaid principal amount of the Note to the date of such payment by A.I.D., and any Further Guaranteed payments due and unpaid, and thereby prevent or cure any default under the Note. Upon such a payment by A.I.D., if the Lender or Assignee shall have accelerated such Note, such acceleration shall be immediately rescinded or, if such Note shall not have been accelerated, such Note shall not thereafter be accelerated as a result of such Event of Default.

§ 204.23 Payment to A.I.D. of excess amounts received by the lender of any assignee.

If the Lender or Assignee shall, as a result of A.I.D. paying compensation under this Guaranty, receive an excess

payment, it shall refund the excess to A.I.D.

Subpart D—Covenants

§ 204.31 Prosecution of claims.

After an assignment to A.I.D. by the Lender or any Assignee pursuant to § 204.21(b), A.I.D. shall have exclusive power to prosecute all claims related to the outstanding Eligible Notes so assigned. If the Lender or such Assignee continues to have an interest in the outstanding Eligible Notes, the Lender or such Assignee and A.I.D. shall consult with each other with respect to their respective interests in such Eligible Notes and the manner of and responsibility for prosecuting claims.

§ 204.32 Change in agreements.

Neither the Lender nor any Assignee will consent to any change or waiver of any provision of any document contemplated by this Guaranty without the prior written consent of A.I.D.

§ 204.33 A.I.D. approval of acceleration of notes.

Without the prior approval of A.I.D., the Lender or any Assignee shall not accelerate any Eligible Notes held by it on account of the happening of an Event of Default other than failure to make a payment when due on the note.

Subpart E—Administration

§ 204.41 Arbitration.

Any controversy or claim between A.I.D. and the Lender or any Assignee arising out of this Guaranty shall be settled by arbitration to be held in Washington, DC in accordance with the then prevailing rules of the American Arbitration Association, and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrators may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

§ 204.42 Notice.

Any communication to A.I.D. pursuant to this Guaranty shall be in writing in the English language, shall refer to the A.I.D. Housing Guaranty Project Number inscribed on the Eligible Note and shall be complete on the day it

shall be actually received by A.I.D. at the address specified below:

Mail Address: Office of Housing and Urban Programs, Agency for International Development, Washington, DC 20523.

Re: A.I.D. Housing Guaranty Project -HG- 1
Telex Nos.: ITT 440001 (Answer back is AIDWNDC) RCA 248379 (Answer back is 248379 AID UR) WU 892703 (Answer back is AID WSH) WU 64154 (Answer back is AID 64154)

Fax No.: 202/647-4958
Cable Address: AID WASH DC

Other addresses may be substituted for the above upon the giving of notice of such substitution to each Lender or Assignee by first class mail at the addresses set forth in the Note Register.

§ 204.43 Governing law.

This Guaranty shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the United States of America governing contracts and commercial transactions of the United States Government.

EXHIBIT A TO PART 204—APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION

Office of Housing and Urban Programs, Agency for International Development, International Development Cooperation Agency, Washington, DC 20523

Ref: Guaranty dated as of _____, 19___; A.I.D. Housing Project HG-_____

Gentlemen: You are hereby advised that payment of \$_____ (consisting of \$_____ of principal, \$_____ of interest and \$_____ in Further Guaranteed Payments as defined in Section 204.01(i) of the Standard Terms and Conditions of the above-mentioned Guaranty¹) was due on _____, 19___, on \$_____ principal amount of Notes held by the undersigned of the _____ (the "Borrower"), issued pursuant to the Loan Agreement, dated as of _____, _____, between the Borrower and _____. Of such amount \$_____ was not received on such date and has not been received by the undersigned at the date hereof. In accordance with

¹Enter title and numerical designation of the relevant A.I.D. Housing Guaranty Project as inscribed on each Note guaranty legend.

¹Strike inapplicable portion.

the terms and provisions of the above-mentioned Guaranty, the undersigned hereby applies, under Section 204.21 of said Guaranty, for payment of a total of \$ _____, representing \$ _____, the outstanding principal amount of the presently outstanding Notes of the Borrower held by the undersigned issued pursuant to said Loan Agreement, and \$ _____ in Further Guaranteed Payments,² plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to and including the date payment in full is made by you pursuant to said Guaranty. Such payment is to be made at your office in Washington, DC.

[Name of Applicant]
By _____
Name _____
Title _____
Dated _____

EXHIBIT B TO PART 204—ASSIGNMENT

The undersigned, being the registered owner of a Note in the principal amount of \$ _____ issued by the _____ (the "Borrower"), pursuant to _____, and guaranty, dated as of _____, the "Guaranty"), between the Lender and the United States of America, acting through the Agency for International Development ("A.I.D."), hereby assigns to A.I.D., without recourse (i) its entire right, title and interest in and to the Note of the Borrower referred to above (which Note is attached hereto), including its rights to unpaid interest on such Note, and (ii) its entire outstanding right, title and interest arising out of said Loan Agreement with respect to such Note, except the undersigned's right to receive payments under the Loan Agreement in respect of which A.I.D. has made no payment to the undersigned as of the date hereof.

[Name of Applicant]
By _____
Name _____
Title _____
Dated _____

Accepted:
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
By _____
Name _____
Title _____
Dated _____

²In the event the Application for Compensation relates to Further Guaranteed Payments, such Application must also contain a statement of the nature and circumstances of the related loss.

PART 205—PARTICIPATION BY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN USAID PROGRAMS

AUTHORITY: 22 U.S.C. 2381(a).

§205.1 Grants and cooperative agreements.

(a) Faith-based organizations are eligible, on the same basis as any other organization and considering any reasonable accommodation, as is consistent with Federal law, the Attorney General's Memorandum of October 6, 2018 (Federal Law Protections for Religious Liberty), and the Religion Clauses of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, to participate in any USAID program for which they are otherwise eligible. In the selection of service-providers, neither USAID nor entities that make and administer sub-awards of USAID funds shall discriminate for, or against, an organization on the basis of the organization's religious character, affiliation, or exercise. For purposes of this part, to discriminate against an organization on the basis of the organization's religious exercise means to disfavor an organization, including by failing to select an organization, disqualifying an organization, or imposing any condition or selection criterion that otherwise disfavors or penalizes an organization in the selection process or has such an effect:

- (1) Because of conduct that would not be considered grounds to disfavor a secular organization;
- (2) Because of conduct that must or could be granted an appropriate accommodation in a manner consistent with RFRA (42 U.S.C. 2000bb through 2000bb-4) or the Religion Clauses of the First Amendment to the Constitution; or
- (3) Because of the actual or suspected religious motivation of the organization's religious exercise.
- (4) Notices or announcements of award opportunities shall include language to indicate that faith-based organizations are eligible on the same basis as any other organization and subject to the protections and requirements of Federal law. As used in this section, the term "program" refers to