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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

7 CFR Parts 272 and 273

RIN 0584–AD30

Food Stamp Program: Eligibility and Certification Provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002; Approval of Information Collection Request

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Final rule, notice of approval of Information Collection Request (ICR).

SUMMARY: The final rule entitled, Food Stamp Program: Eligibility and Certification Provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, was published on January 29, 2010. This final rule implemented 11 provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (FSRIA), which established new eligibility and certification requirements for the receipt of food stamps. Those provisions simplified program administration, allowed States greater flexibility, and provided enhanced access to eligible populations. The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 changed the program name from Food Stamp Program to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) cleared the associated information collection requirements contained in the final rule entitled, Food Stamp Program: Eligibility and Certification Provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, which was published on January 29, 2010 (75 FR 4912).


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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

12 CFR Part 535

[Docket ID OTS–2010–0009]

RIN 1550–AC38

Unfair or Deceptive Acts or Practices; Amendment

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision, Treasury (OTS).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: OTS is amending its regulations at 12 CFR part 535 titled “Prohibited Consumer Credit Practices” to avoid duplication and inconsistency with the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 and the rules of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve implementing that statute.

DATES: This rule is effective on July 1, 2010.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 18, 2008, OTS used its authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41–58) and the Home Owners’ Loan Act (12 U.S.C. 1461 et seq.) to adopt a final rule titled “Unfair or Deceptive Acts or Practices” amending its rule at 12 CFR part 535 titled “Prohibited Consumer Credit Practices.” The rule was published in the Federal Register on January 29, 2009 (January 2009 UDAP rule). 74 FR 5498. OTS issued its rule jointly with rules issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve (Board) and the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA). The rule was scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 2010.

The January 2009 UDAP rule contained three subparts to part 535 and an Appendix to part 535 containing an Official Staff Commentary. Subparts A and B addressed general provisions and credit practices respectively. Subpart C addressed unfair consumer credit card account practices. The Supplementary Information to the January 2009 UDAP rule described all these changes in detail.


On May 22, 2009, the President signed into law the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 (Credit CARD Act). Public Law 111–24, 123 Stat. 1734 (2009). The Credit CARD Act primarily amended the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) and established a number of new substantive and disclosure rules required to establish fair and transparent practices pertaining to open-end consumer credit plans, including credit card accounts. On July 22, 2009, the Board published an interim final rule amending Regulation Z (12 CFR pt. 226) and the staff commentary to implement those provisions of the Credit CARD Act that became effective on August 20, 2009. See 74 FR 36077. On February 22, 2010, the Board published a new final rule amending Regulation Z and the staff commentary in order to implement the Credit CARD Act. See 75 FR 7658.

The Credit CARD Act and the Board’s implementing rule do not affect the provisions of subparts A and B and the corresponding portion of the Appendix in the January 2009 UDAP rule. Accordingly, today’s final rule repromulgates those provisions, subject only to necessary conforming amendments. Those provisions will take effect on July 1, 2010 as previously scheduled.