FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

[No. 2013–N–16]

12 CFR Part 1260

Information To Be Distributed to the Federal Home Loan Banks and the Office of Finance

AGENCY: Federal Housing Finance Agency.

ACTION: Notification.

SUMMARY: Section 20A of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (Bank Act), requires the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) to make available to the Federal Home Loan Banks (Banks) such reports, records, or other information as may be available, relating to the condition of any Bank in order to enable each Bank to evaluate the financial condition of one or more of the other Banks individually and the Bank System as a whole. FHFA has adopted, and published in this issue of the Federal Register, a regulation to implement the statutory information sharing provisions, which will be located at 12 CFR part 1260. As required by § 1260.2(b) of that regulation, FHFA is providing this notification to the Banks and the Bank System’s Office of Finance of the categories of information that it will distribute under part 1260 beginning on the effective date noted below.

DATES: Effective Date: January 6, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric M. Raudenbush, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Eric.Raudenbush@fhfa.gov, (202) 649–3084; or Jonathan Curtis, Financial Analyst, Office of Program Support, Division of Bank Regulation, Jonathan.Curtis@fhfa.gov, (202) 649–3321 (these are not toll-free numbers), Federal Housing Finance Agency, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20224. The telephone number for the Telecommunications Device for the Hearing Impaired is (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In order to fulfill the requirements of section 20A of the Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1440a), and as provided in 12 CFR part 1260, FHFA will distribute or otherwise make available to each Bank and to the Office of Finance on a regular and ongoing basis the following categories of information, as soon as practicable after the materials have been prepared in final form:

1. Information submitted by a Bank to FHFA’s call report system (CRS) electronic database, excluding Bank membership information;
2. Information about each Bank, and the Banks collectively, that is presented in FHFA’s semi-annual “Profile of the Federal Home Loan Bank System” report prepared by FHFA’s Division of Bank Regulation (DBR);
3. Information about each Bank, and the Banks collectively, that is contained in the weekly report on Bank liquidity prepared by DBR;
4. Information about each Bank, and the Banks collectively, that is contained in the quarterly report on Bank membership prepared by DBR;
5. Information about each Bank, and the Banks collectively, that is contained in the weekly report on the Banks’ unsecured credit exposure prepared by DBR;
6. A quarterly statement, to be prepared by FHFA, indicating whether each Bank has timely filed with FHFA the quarterly liquidity certification required under 12 CFR 1270.10(b)(1);
7. A statement, to be prepared by FHFA as circumstances warrant, identifying any Bank that has notified FHFA pursuant to 12 CFR 1270.10(b)(2) of any actual or anticipated liquidity problems and describing the nature of the liquidity problems; and
8. Beginning with the calendar year 2014 Bank examination cycle, information contained in the “Summary and Conclusions” portion of each Bank’s final report of examination.

Dated: November 22, 2013.

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Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

16 CFR Parts 1112 and 1225

[CPSC Docket No. CPSC–2012–0068]

Safety Standard for Hand-Held Infant Carriers

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act, section 104(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA), requires the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission, CPSC, or we) to promulgate consumer product safety standards for durable infant or toddler products. These standards are to be “substantially the same as” applicable voluntary standards or more stringent than the voluntary standard if the Commission concludes that more stringent requirements would further reduce the risk of injury associated with the product. The Commission is issuing a safety standard for hand-held infant carriers in response to the direction under section 104(b) of the CPSIA. The rule would incorporate ASTM F2050–13a by reference, with one modification.

DATES: The rule will become effective on June 6, 2014. The incorporation by reference of the publication listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of June 6, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julio Alvarado, Compliance Officer, Office of Compliance and Field Operations, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; email: jalvarado@cpsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Statutory Authority

The CPSIA (Pub. L. 110–314) was enacted on August 14, 2008. Section 104(b) of the CPSIA requires the Commission to: (1) Examine and assess the effectiveness of voluntary consumer product safety standards for durable infant or toddler products, in consultation with representatives of consumer groups, juvenile product manufacturers, and independent child product engineers and experts; and (2) promulgate consumer product safety standards for durable infant and toddler products. These standards are to be substantially the same as applicable voluntary standards or more stringent than the voluntary standard if the Commission concludes that more stringent requirements would further reduce the risk of injury associated with the product.

The term “durable infant or toddler product” is defined in section 104(f)(1) of the CPSIA as a durable product intended for use, or that may be reasonably expected to be used, by children under the age of 5 years. Infant carriers are one of the products specifically identified in section 104(f)(2)(H) as a durable infant or toddler product. The Commission has identified four types of products that could fall within the infant carrier product category, including: Frame backpack carriers, soft infant and toddler carriers, slings, and hand-held infant carriers. This rule addresses hazards associated only with hand-held infant carriers. Hazards associated with other types of carriers would be...