§ 75.4 Interstate movement of equine infectious anemia reactors.
  (a) * * *
     Reactor. Any horse, ass, mule, pony or zebra which is subjected to an official test in accordance with the regulations in § 71.22 of this subchapter and found positive.
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PART 80—JOHNE’S DISEASE IN DOMESTIC ANIMALS
  8. The authority citation for part 80 continues to read as follows:
  9. In § 80.1, the definition of Official Johne’s disease test is revised to read as follows:
§ 80.1 Definitions.
  * * * * *
     Official Johne’s disease test. An organism detection test approved by the Administrator and conducted in a laboratory approved by the Administrator.1 * * * * *

PART 93—IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN ANIMALS, BIRDS, FISH, AND POULTRY, AND CERTAIN ANIMAL, BIRD, AND POULTRY PRODUCTS; REQUIREMENTS FOR MEANS OF CONVEYANCE AND SHIPPING CONTAINERS
  10. The authority citation for part 93 continues to read as follows:

§ 93.301 [Amended]
  11. Section 93.301 is amended as follows:
     a. In paragraphs (e)(2)(iii) and (e)(5)(i), by removing the words “paragraph (i) of this section” and adding the words “§ 71.22 of this chapter” in their place; and
     b. By removing and reserving paragraph (i).

§ 93.303 [Amended]
  12. Section 93.303 is amended by redesignating footnote 12 as footnote 10.

§ 93.308 [Amended]
  13. Section 93.308 is amended by redesignating footnotes 13, 14, and 15 as footnotes 11, 12, and 13, respectively.

1 The list of approved laboratories is available on the internet at https://www.nahln.org or upon request from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, National Veterinary Services Laboratories, P.O. Box 844, Ames, IA 50010–0844.

CANADA [Amended]
  14. The redesignated center heading “CANADA” immediately preceding § 93.315 is amended by redesignating footnote 16 as footnote 14.

CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE WEST INDIES [Amended]
  15. The redesignated center heading “CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE WEST INDIES” immediately preceding § 93.319 is amended by redesignating footnote 17 as footnote 15.

MEXICO [Amended]
  16. The redesignated center heading “MEXICO” immediately preceding § 93.321 is amended by redesignating footnote 18 as footnote 16.

§ 93.324 [Amended]
  17. Section 93.324 is amended by redesignating footnote 19 as footnote 17.

   Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of May 2019.
   Kevin Shea,
   Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

12 CFR Parts 701 and 741
RIN 3313–AF00

Public Unit and Nonmember Shares

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The NCUA Board (Board) is proposing to amend the NCUA’s public unit and nonmember share rule to allow Federal credit unions (FCU) to receive public unit and nonmember shares up to 50 percent of the credit union’s paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus less any public unit and nonmember shares.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 29, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods (Please send comments by one method only):

   • Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
   • NCUA website: http://www.ncua.gov/RegulationsOpinionsLaws/proposed_regs/proposed_regs.html. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
   • Email: Address to regcomments@ncua.gov. Include “[Your name] Comments on Public Unit and Nonmember Shares Proposed Rule” in the email subject line.
   • Fax: (703) 518–6319. Use the subject line described above for email.
   • Mail: Address to Gerard Poliquin, Secretary of the Board, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314–3428.

   Hand Delivery/Courier: Same as mail address.

Public inspection: All public comments are available on the agency’s website at http://www.ncua.gov/RegulationsOpinionsLaws/comments as submitted, except as may not be possible for technical reasons. Public comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Paper copies of comments may be inspected in NCUA’s law library, at 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, by appointment weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. To make an appointment, call (703) 518–6540 or send an email to OGCMail@ncua.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Benjamin M. Litchfield, Staff Attorney, Office of General Counsel, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, or by telephone at (703) 518–6540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
I. Background
II. Legal Authority
III. Summary of the Proposed Rule
IV. Section-by-Section Analysis
V. Regulatory Procedures

I. Background

Section 107(6) of the Federal Credit Union Act (FCU Act) permits an FCU to receive payment on shares from nonmembers under certain circumstances.1 An FCU may receive payment on shares from nonmember credit unions.2 An FCU may also receive payment on shares from nonmember public units and their political subdivisions.3 The term “public unit” generally refers to “the United States, any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Panama Canal Zone, any territory or possession of the United States, any county, municipality, or political subdivision thereof, or any Indian tribe as defined in section 3(c) of the Indian Financing Act of 1974.”4

Moreover, an FCU that predominantly serves low-income members may

2 Id.
3 Id.
4 12 CFR 745.1(c).
receive payment on shares from any source regardless of membership. The
Section 701.34 of the NCUA’s regulations defines a “low-income member” as, among other things, a member “whose family income is 80
[percent] or less than the median family income for the metropolitan area where [the member] live[s] or [the] national metropolitan area, whichever is greater.” Alternatively, a “low-income member” is a member “who earn[s] 80
[percent] or less than the total median earnings for individuals for the metropolitan area where [the member] live[s] or [the] national metropolitan area, whichever is greater.”

Section 701.32 of the NCUA’s regulations limits the total amount of nonmember shares that an FCU may have to 20 percent of the credit union’s total shares, or $3 million, whichever is greater, unless the shares are U.S. Treasury accounts or matching funds accounts required by the NCUA’s Community Development Revolving Loan Fund Program. This limit also applies to public unit shares regardless of whether the public unit is a member of the credit union. The Board imposed this 20 percent limitation on both member public unit and nonmember shares because of the asset/liability management problems related to public unit and nonmember shares that arose at certain FCUs, which resulted in material losses for the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF).

Regulatory Reform Agenda

Consistent with the spirit of Executive Order 13777, entitled “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda,” the Board established a Regulatory Reform Task Force (Task Force) to identify NCUA regulations that the agency should repeal, replace, or modify. The Task Force performed an exhaustive review and submitted its first report to the Board in June 2017. In August 2017, the Board published the substance of the Task Force’s first report in the Federal Register for public comment. After the close of the public comment period, the Board published the Task Force’s second and final report in the Federal Register in December 2018.

The Task Force’s final report recommends that the Board increase the public unit and nonmember share limit in § 701.32 of the NCUA’s regulations. The Task Force stated that public unit and nonmember shares are the functional equivalent of borrowings and, therefore, should be subject to the borrowing limit for FCUs set out in the FCU Act. Section 107(h) of the FCU Act permits an FCU to borrow from any source up to 50 percent of the credit union’s paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus subject to such rules and regulations as the Board may prescribe. However, this limitation does not apply to discounts or sales of eligible obligations to any Federal intermediate credit bank or loans from the Central Liquidity Facility. The proposed rule implements the essence of the Task Force’s recommendation.

II. Legal Authority

The Board has issued this proposed rule pursuant to its authority under the FCU Act. Under the FCU Act, the NCUA is the chartering and supervisory authority for FCUs and the Federal supervisory authority for FICUs. The FCU Act grants the NCUA a broad mandate to issue regulations governing both FCUs and all FICUs. Section 120 of the FCU Act is a general grant of regulatory authority and authorizes the Board to prescribe rules and regulations for the administration of the FCU Act. Section 207 of the FCU Act is a specific grant of authority over share insurance coverage, conservatorships, and liquidations. The FCU Act is a plenary grant of regulatory authority to the Board to issue rules and regulations necessary or appropriate to carry out its role as share insurer for all FICUs. Accordingly, the FCU Act grants the Board broad rulemaking authority to ensure that the credit union industry and the NCUSIF remain safe and sound.

III. Summary of the Proposed Rule

The proposed rule amends § 701.32 of the NCUA’s regulations to allow an FCU to receive payment on shares from public unit and nonmember shares up to 50 percent of the credit union’s paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus less any public unit and nonmember shares from public units and nonmembers without requesting a waiver from the appropriate regional director. As discussed below, the proposed rule does not allow a waiver process for an FCU to exceed this 50 percent limit as a matter of safety and soundness. The proposed rule also requires an FCU to develop and maintain a written plan if its public unit and nonmember shares, taken together with borrowings, exceed 70 percent of paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus. Finally, the proposed rule makes conforming amendments to § 741.204, which applies to all FICUs, to reflect the changes to § 701.32.

IV. Section-by-Section Analysis

Section 701.32(b)—Limitations

Current § 701.32(b) limits the amount of public unit and nonmember shares that an FCU may have to 20 percent of total shares, or $3 million dollars, whichever is greater, and sets forth procedures that an FCU must follow if it wishes to receive from the appropriate regional director a waiver to accept additional public unit or nonmember shares.

Before accepting any public unit or nonmember shares in excess of 20 percent of total shares, the credit union’s board of directors “must adopt a specific written plan concerning the intended use of these shares and forward a copy of the plan to the [regional] [director].” The plan must include a “statement of the credit union’s needs, sources and intended uses of public unit and nonmember shares.” The plan must also make provision for “matching maturities of public unit and nonmember shares with corresponding assets” and “adequate income spread between public unit and nonmember shares and corresponding assets.” If there is any mismatch between maturities of public unit and nonmember shares with corresponding assets, the credit union must justify the mismatch.

In addition to the written plan adopted by the FCU’s board of directors, the FCU also must submit a written request for a waiver of the 20 percent limit to the appropriate regional director. The waiver request must include: (1) The new level of public unit and nonmember shares requested (either as a dollar amount or a percentage of total shares); (2) the current plan adopted by the FCU’s board of directors regarding the use of new public unit and nonmember shares; (3) a copy of the
FCU’s latest financial statements; and (4) a copy of the FCU’s loan and investment policies. If the FCU’s financial condition and management are sound, and the credit union’s plan for the funds is reasonable, § 701.32 establishes a presumption in favor of granting a waiver.

The regional director will typically grant a waiver for a two-year period unless the regional director believes that a lesser time is appropriate. Upon expiration of the waiver, the NCUSIF will continue to insure public unit and nonmember shares currently held in the FCU within applicable limits. However, an FCU may not accept any new public unit or nonmember shares or rollover existing public unit or nonmember share certificates in excess of the 20 percent of total shares limit.

The 20 percent total shares limit and the procedures set out in § 701.32(b) do not apply to treasury tax and loan (TT&L) remittance accounts, TT&L note accounts, U.S. Treasury general accounts, and U.S. Treasury time deposit-open accounts, which are all subject to the requirements of § 701.37 of the NCUA’s regulations. Section 701.32 also does not apply to matching fund accounts required by the NCUA’s Community Development Revolving Loan Program unless the credit union has already repaid the loan granted under that program that required matching funds.

Aggregate Limit on Public Unit and Nonmember Shares

The proposed rule simplifies the current regulatory framework in § 701.32(b). In establishing the 20 percent of total shares limit in current § 701.32(b), the Board relied heavily on industry practices in 1988. The credit union industry has undergone significant changes in the intervening 31 years since this limit was adopted, including credit unions’ growing need for additional sources of funding to serve their members. To respond to these changes, the proposed rule increases the current 20 percent of total shares limit to 50 percent of paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus less any public unit and nonmember shares.

The change in standard from “total shares” to “paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus less any public unit and nonmember shares” provides credit unions with greater ability to accept public unit and nonmember deposits because undivided earnings are included in the measurement of a credit union’s paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus. The proposed rule does not include public unit and nonmember shares in the calculation of its unimpaired capital and surplus for purposes of this 50 percent limit. This restriction provides a meaningful limit on the ability of a credit union to increase its leverage indefinitely, which could pose a clear risk to credit unions and the NCUSIF. The Board believes that this balanced approach provides an FCU with greater flexibility to determine an appropriate funding structure to support ongoing credit union operations in a prudent manner.

While the Board recognizes that public unit and nonmember shares are unique in some respects, particularly with respect to their sensitivity to interest rate fluctuations, these shares are in many other respects the functional equivalent of other types of short-term borrowings. Accordingly, the Board believes that allowing an FCU to receive public unit and nonmember shares up to 50 percent of paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus, less any public unit and nonmember shares, similar to the borrowing limit set out in Section 107(9) of the FCU Act, is a preferable approach to the current 20 percent of total shares limit set out in § 701.32(b). The Board also believes that the proposed 50 percent of paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus less any public unit and nonmember shares regulatory limit is sufficiently high that an alternative $3 million dollar limit will be unnecessary.

However, the Board is aware that some small FCUs, particularly low-income credit unions that rely on large volumes of nonmember shares as a necessary source of funding or newly chartered credit unions, may be adversely impacted by the elimination of the $3 million dollar limit. Consequently, the Board seeks specific comments on whether it should retain the $3 million dollar limit or provide a special exemption for small low-income credit unions that demonstrate a need for large volumes of nonmember shares above the 50 percent paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus limit and for newly chartered credit unions. The Board is actively considering these alternatives and may adopt one of these approaches based on the persuasiveness of the comments.

Because an FCU may currently borrow up to 50 percent of paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus under Section 107(9) of the FCU Act, the Board believes that providing credit unions with the proposed ability to accept a comparable amount of public unit and nonmember shares will not present an undue risk to credit unions or the NCUSIF. The Board recognizes that in some instances public unit and nonmember shares can be a more stable and cost-effective source of funding than borrowing. Additionally, public unit and nonmember shares have other benefits for credit unions and their communities, such as developing or enhancing an FCU’s relationship with political subdivisions, public units, or in the case of low-income designated credit unions, other charitable or economic development organizations.

However, the Board notes that an FCU should continue to manage its balance sheet in a prudent manner. The NCUSIF will continue to review an FCU’s business model and asset-liability management to ensure the credit union is operating in a safe and sound manner. Unsafe or unsound funding sources or utilization of funds in an unsafe and unsound manner may affect an FCU’s CAMEL and risk ratings even if the credit union is within the aggregate 50 percent limit.

Waiver From the Appropriate Regional Director

The proposed rule also eliminates the procedures that an FCU must follow to obtain a waiver from its appropriate regional director. Although the Board seeks to provide FCUs with greater flexibility, it also believes that the NCUA should not allow an FCU to have public unit and nonmember shares in excess of 50 percent of paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus less any public unit and nonmember shares. Allowing an FCU to exceed this limit could lead to safety and soundness concerns and unnecessary risk for the NCUSIF. As a result, the proposed rule does not establish a procedure for an FCU to request a waiver of the proposed aggregate 50 percent limit.

Requirement To Maintain a Plan Regarding Use of Funds

Furthermore, the proposed rule modifies key safeguards in current § 701.32(b) designed to ensure that an FCU’s board of directors conducts adequate due diligence before receiving payment on a significant amount of public unit and nonmember shares. Under the proposed rule, an FCU must
develop and maintain for review by
NCUA examiners a specific plan
regarding the intended use of any
borrowings, public unit, or nonmember
shares that, taken together, exceed 70
percent of the credit union’s paid-in and
unimpaired capital and surplus. The
proposed rule does not require FCUs to
submit the plans to the NCUA for prior
approval.

This approach provides an FCU with
significant flexibility to adopt a prudent
funding structure without the regulatory
burden of developing a plan regarding
the intended use of those funds unless
the credit union borrows a significant
amount of funds or accepts a significant
number of public unit and nonmember
shares. Requiring a plan for material
levels of external funding sources is
prudent due diligence and the Board
expects FCUs that accept elevated levels
of public unit and nonmember shares to
document how the credit union will use
those funds consistent with prudent risk
management principles.

Even though the Board expects that
most FCUs will not need to develop a
specific plan regarding the use of
external funds under the proposed rule,
still believes that an FCU should
continue to manage its balance sheet in
a prudent manner. As noted above, the
NCUA will continue to review an FCU’s
business model and asset-liability
management to ensure the FCU is
operating in a safe and sound manner.
Unsafe or unsound funding sources or
utilization of funds in an unsafe and
unsound manner may affect a credit
union’s CAMEL and risk ratings and
could result in regulatory action.

V. Regulatory Procedures

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act
(RFA) 34 requires the NCUA to prepare
an analysis to describe any significant
economic impact a regulation may have
on a substantial number of small entities
(primarily those under $100 million in
assets). 35 This rule will provide a
limited number of FCUs receiving
public unit and nonmember share with
additional flexibility. Accordingly, the
Board believes that the rule will not
have a significant economic impact on
a substantial number of small credit
unions. Therefore, a regulatory
flexibility analysis is not required.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995
(PRA) applies to rulemakings in which
an agency by rule creates a new
paperwork burden on regulated entities
or modifies an existing burden. For
purposes of the PRA, a paperwork
burden may take the form of a reporting,
disclosure, or recordkeeping
requirement, each referred to as an
information collection. The NCUA may
not conduct or sponsor, and the
respondent is not required to respond
to, an information collection unless it
displays a currently valid Office of
Management and Budget (OMB) control
number.

This rule will amend § 701.32 to
eliminate the waiver requirements for
those seeking an exemption to the
current 20 percent limit of the total
amount of nonmember shares that an
FCU may issue; due to the proposed
increased limit of 50 percent, with no
exceptions to this limit. This will
eliminate the existing burden to submit
a waiver.

Under the proposed rule, a credit
union must develop a specific plan
regarding the intended use of any
borrowings, public unit, or nonmember
shares that, taken together, exceed 70
percent of the credit union’s paid-in and
unimpaired capital and surplus. The
increased limit of public unit and
nonmember shares could potentially see
an increase in the number of
respondents required to develop a plan
from 20 to 50 FICUs at an estimated
burden of 2 hours to comply annually,
per respondent.

These program changes would revise
the information collection requirement
under currently approved OMB number
3133–0114, as follows:

Title of Information Collection:
Payments on Shares by Public Units and
Nonmembers, 12 CFR 701.32.
OMB Control Number: 3133–0114.
Estimated Number of Respondents:
50.
Estimated Annual Frequency of
Response: 1.
Estimated Total Annual Reposes: 50.
Estimated Hours per Response: 2.
Estimated Total Annual Burden
Hours: 100.
Affected Public: Private Sector: Not-
for-profit institutions.

The NCUA invites comments on: (a)
Whether the collections of information
are necessary for the proper
performance of the agency’s functions,
including whether the information has
practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the
estimates of the burden of
the information collections, including
the validity of the methodology and
assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance
the quality, utility, and clarity of the
information to be collected; (d) ways to
minimize the burden of the information
collections on respondents, including
through the use of automated collection

34 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.
35 5 U.S.C. 603(a).
36 64 FR 43255 (Aug. 4, 1999).
PART 701—ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF FEDERAL CREDIT UNIONS

1. The authority for part 701 continues to read as follows:


2. Revise §701.32(b) to read as follows:

§ 701.32 Payment on shares by public units and nonmembers.

(b) Limitations—(1) Aggregate limit on public unit and nonmember shares. Except as permitted under paragraph (c) of this section, a Federal credit union may not accept public unit and nonmember shares in excess of 50 percent of the difference of paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus and any public unit and nonmember shares, as measured at the time of acceptance of each public unit or nonmember share.

(2) Required due diligence. Before accepting public unit or nonmember shares that, taken together with any borrowings, exceed 70 percent of paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus, the board of directors must adopt a specific written plan concerning the intended use of these funds that is consistent with prudent risk management principles.

PART 741—REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE

3. The authority for part 741 continues to read as follows:


4. Revise §741.204(a) to read as follows:

§ 741.204 Maximum public unit and nonmember accounts, and low-income designation.

(a) Adhere to the requirements of §701.32 of this chapter regarding public unit and nonmember accounts, provided it has the authority to accept such accounts.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG–2019–0338]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; Fireworks Display, Delaware River, Philadelphia, PA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish a temporary safety zone on the waters of the Delaware River near Pleasant Hill Park in Philadelphia, PA, from 9:15 p.m. to 10 p.m. on July 4, 2019, during the One River Alliance Fireworks Display. The safety zone is necessary to ensure the safety of participant vessels, spectators, and the boating public during the event. This regulation would prohibit persons and non-participant vessels from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port (COTP) Delaware Bay or a designated representative. We invite your comments on this proposed rulemaking.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before June 10, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2019–0338 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for further instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this proposed rulemaking, call or email Petty Officer Thomas Welker, U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Delaware Bay, Waterways Management Division, Coast Guard; telephone (215) 271–4814, email Thomas.j.welker@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
COTP Captain of the Port
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section

II. Background, Purpose, and Legal Basis

On April 19, 2019, Pyrotechnico Fireworks notified the Coast Guard that it will be conducting a fireworks display near Pleasant Hill Park in Philadelphia, PA, from 9:15 p.m. to 10 p.m. on July 4, 2019. The display will be launched from a barge in the Delaware River. Hazards from firework displays include accidental discharge of fireworks, dangerous projectiles, and falling hot embers or other debris. The Captain of the Port Delaware Bay (COTP) has determined that this temporary safety zone is necessary to provide safety during the fireworks display, and to ensure protection of participants, spectators and other boaters.

The purpose of this rulemaking is to ensure the safety of vessels and the navigable waters. The Coast Guard proposes this rulemaking under authority in 46 U.S.C 70034 (previously 33 U.S.C. 1231).

III. Discussion of Proposed Rule

The COTP proposes to establish a temporary safety zone on the waters of the Delaware River near Pleasant Hill Park in Philadelphia, PA, during a fireworks display scheduled to take place between 9:15 p.m. and 10 p.m. on July 4, 2019. The fireworks will be set off from a barge in the river, which will be anchored at approximate position latitude 40°02′22.54″ N longitude 074°59′22.03″ W. The safety zone would extend 200 yards around the barge. No person or vessel will be permitted to enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the safety zone without obtaining permission from the COTP Delaware Bay or a designated representative. If the COTP Delaware Bay or a designated representative grants authorization to enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the safety zone without obtaining permission from the COTP Delaware Bay or a designated representative. The Coast Guard will provide public notice of the safety zone by Local Notice to Mariners and Broadcast Notice to Mariners. The regulatory text we are proposing appears at the end of this document.

IV. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this proposed rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses...