

“(2) POWERS AND REPORT.—Each examiner may make a thorough examination of all affairs of the institution, and shall make a full and detailed report of the condition of the institution to the Corporation.

“(3) APPOINTMENT OF CLAIM AGENTS.—The Board of Directors, in like manner, shall appoint claim agents who may investigate and examine all claims for insured obligations.”

1989—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 101-220 inserted “any other association making direct loans under authority provided under section 2279b of this title,” after “any production credit association.”

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1989 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-220 effective for insurance premiums due to the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation under this chapter on or after Jan. 1, 1990, based on the loan volume of each bank for each calendar year beginning with calendar year 1989, and effective for the calculation of the initial premium payment required under section 2277a-5(c) of this title, see section 6(c) of Pub. L. 101-220, set out as a note under section 2020 of this title.

§ 2277a-9. Insurance Fund

(a) Establishment

There is hereby established a Farm Credit Insurance Fund (hereinafter referred to in this section as the “Insurance Fund”) for insuring the timely payment of principal and interest on insured obligations. The assets in the Fund shall be held by the Corporation for the uses and purposes of the Corporation.

(b) Amounts in Fund

The Corporation shall deposit in the Insurance Fund all premium payments received by the Corporation under this part.

(c) Uses of Fund

(1) Mandatory use

Beginning January 1, 1993, the Corporation shall expend amounts in the Insurance Fund to the extent necessary to insure the timely payment of interest and principal on insured obligations.

(2) Other mandatory uses

Beginning January 1, 1993, the Corporation shall use amounts in the Insurance Fund to ensure the retirement of eligible borrower stock at par value under section 2162 of this title.

(3) Permissive uses

The Corporation may expend amounts in the Insurance Fund to carry out section 2277a-10 of this title and to cover the operating costs of the Corporation.

(4) Corporate payment or refunds

The Corporation shall make all payments and refunds required to be made by the Corporation under this part from amounts in the Insurance Fund.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.60, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title III, § 302, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1616; amended Pub. L. 100-399, title III, § 302(j)-(l), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 994; Pub. L. 101-624, title XVIII, § 1836(a), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3833; Pub. L. 115-334, title V, § 5411(38), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4683.)

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2018—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-334, § 5411(38)(A), struck out par. (2) designation and heading before “The Corporation” and struck out par. (1) which provided for transfer of amounts in the revolving fund into the Farm Credit Insurance Fund, with exception for transactions before Jan. 6, 1988.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 115-334, § 5411(38)(B), substituted “Insurance Fund to ensure” for “Insurance Fund to—

“(A) satisfy System institution defaults through the purchase of preferred stock or other payments as provided for in section 2278b-6(d)(3) of this title; and “(B) ensure”.

1990—Subsec. (c)(1), (2). Pub. L. 101-624 substituted “January 1, 1993” for “5 years after the date of the enactment of this part” in par. (1) and for “5 years after the date of enactment of this part” in par. (2).

1988—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 100-399, § 302(j), struck out “(in effect immediately before January 6, 1988)” after “section 2151 of this title”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 100-399, § 302(k), substituted “The” for “Beginning 5 years after January 6, 1988, the”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(B). Pub. L. 100-399, § 302(l), amended subpar. (B) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (B) read as follows: “ensure the retirement of borrower stock at par value and participation certificates or other similar equities at face value as provided for under section 2162(c)(2) of this title.”

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-399 effective as if enacted immediately after enactment of Pub. L. 100-233, which was approved Jan. 6, 1988, see section 1001(a) of Pub. L. 100-399, set out as a note under section 2002 of this title.

§ 2277a-10. Powers of Corporation with respect to troubled insured System banks

(a) Authority to provide assistance

(1) Stand-alone assistance

The Corporation, in its sole discretion and on such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe, may make loans to, purchase the assets or securities of, assume the liabilities of, or make contributions to, any insured System bank if such action is taken—

(A) to prevent the placing of the bank in receivership;

(B) to restore the bank to normal operation; or

(C) to reduce the risk to the Corporation posed by the bank when severe financial conditions threaten the stability of a significant number of insured System banks or of insured System banks possessing significant financial resources.

(2) Facilitation of mergers or consolidation

(A) In general

To facilitate a merger or consolidation of a qualifying insured System bank, the sale of assets of such insured System bank to another insured System bank, the assumption of such insured System bank’s liabilities by such other insured System bank, or the acquisition of the stock of such insured System bank by such other insured System bank, the Corporation, in its sole discretion

and on such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe, may—

- (i) purchase any such assets or assume any such liabilities;
- (ii) make loans or contributions to, or purchase debt securities of, such other insured System bank;
- (iii) guarantee such other insured System bank against loss by reason of such other insured System bank's merging or consolidating with, or assuming the liabilities and purchasing the assets of, such insured System bank; or
- (iv) take any combination of the actions referred to in the preceding clauses.

(B) Qualifying insured System bank

For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term "qualifying insured System bank" means any insured System bank that—

- (i) is in receivership;
- (ii) is, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, in danger of being placed in receivership; or
- (iii) is, in the sole discretion of the Corporation, an insured System bank that, when severe financial conditions exist that threaten the stability of a significant number of insured System banks or of insured System banks possessing significant financial resources, requires assistance under subparagraph (A) to lessen the risk to the Corporation posed by such insured System bank under such threat of instability.

(3) Limitation

(A) Least-cost resolution

Assistance may not be provided to an insured System bank under this subsection unless the means of providing the assistance is the least costly means of providing the assistance by the Farm Credit Insurance Fund of all possible alternatives available to the Corporation, including liquidation of the bank (including paying the insured obligations issued on behalf of the bank). Before making a least-cost determination under this subparagraph, the Corporation shall accord such other insured System banks as the Corporation determines to be appropriate the opportunity to submit information relating to the determination.

(B) Determining least costly approach

In determining the least costly alternative under subparagraph (A), the Corporation shall—

- (i) evaluate alternatives on a present-value basis, using a reasonable discount rate;
- (ii) document the evaluation and the assumptions on which the evaluation is based; and
- (iii) retain the documentation for not less than 5 years.

(C) Time of determination

(i) General rule

For purposes of this subsection, the determination of the costs of providing any assistance under any provision of this sec-

tion with respect to any insured System bank shall be made as of the date on which the Corporation makes the determination to provide the assistance to the institution under this section.

(ii) Rule for liquidations

For purposes of this subsection, the determination of the costs of liquidation of any insured System bank shall be made as of the earliest of—

- (I) the date on which a conservator is appointed for the insured System bank;
- (II) the date on which a receiver is appointed for the insured System bank; or
- (III) the date on which the Corporation makes any determination to provide any assistance under this section with respect to the insured System bank.

(D) Rule for stand-alone assistance

Before providing any assistance under paragraph (1), the Corporation shall evaluate the adequacy of managerial resources of the insured System bank. The continued service of any director or senior ranking officer who serves in a policymaking role for the assisted insured System bank, as determined by the Corporation, shall be subject to approval by the Corporation as a condition of assistance.

(E) Discretionary determinations

Any determination that the Corporation makes under this paragraph shall be in the sole discretion of the Corporation.

(F) Purchase of stock

The Corporation may not use its authority under this subsection to purchase any stock of an insured System bank. The preceding sentence shall not be construed to limit the ability of the Corporation to enter into and enforce covenants and agreements that it determines to be necessary to protect the financial interests of the Corporation.

(4) Subordination

Any assistance provided under this subsection may be in subordination to the rights of owners of obligations and other creditors.

(5) Reports

The Corporation, in its annual report to Congress, shall report the total amount saved, or it estimates to be saved, by the Corporation exercising the authority provided to the Corporation in this subsection.

(b) Authority to pledge or sell assets

The Corporation, in its discretion, may make loans on the security of, or may purchase, and liquidate or sell, any part of the assets of, any insured System bank that is placed in receivership because of the inability of the bank to pay principal or interest on any of its notes, bonds, debentures, or other obligations in a timely manner.

(c) Subrogation

(1) In general

On the payment to an owner of an insured obligation issued on behalf of an insured Sys-

tem bank in receivership, the Corporation shall be subrogated to all rights of the owner against the bank to the extent of the payment.

(2) Receipt of dividends

Subrogation under paragraph (1) shall include the right on the part of the Corporation to receive the same dividends from the proceeds of the assets of the bank as would have been payable to the owner on a claim for the insured obligation.

(d) Right to assets

Any agreement that shall diminish or defeat the right, title, or interest of the Corporation in any asset acquired by such Corporation under this section, either as security for a loan or by purchase, shall not be valid against the Corporation unless the agreement—

(1) is in writing;

(2) is executed by the bank and the person or persons claiming an adverse interest thereunder, including the obligor, contemporaneously with the acquisition of the asset by the bank;

(3) has been approved by the board of directors of the bank or its loan committee, which approval shall be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee; and

(4) has been, continuously, from the time of its execution, an official record of the bank.

(e) Insured System bank

As used in this section, the terms “insured System bank” and “bank” include each production credit association and other association making direct loans under the authority provided under section 2279b of this title.

(f) Effective date

The Corporation shall not exercise any authority under this section during the 5-year period prior to January 1, 1993.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, §5.61, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title III, §302, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1616; amended Pub. L. 101-220, §6(b)(4), Dec. 12, 1989, 103 Stat. 1880; Pub. L. 101-624, title XVIII, §1836(b), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3833; Pub. L. 104-105, title II, §217, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 179.)

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1996—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 104-105, §217(b)(1), substituted “Stand-alone assistance” for “In general” in par. heading.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 104-105, §217(b)(2)(A), substituted “Facilitation of mergers or consolidation” for “Enumerated powers” in par. heading.

Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 104-105, §217(b)(2)(B), substituted “In general” for “Facilitation of mergers or consolidation” in subpar. heading.

Subsec. (a)(3)(A). Pub. L. 104-105, §217(a)(2), added subpar. (A) and struck out heading and text of former subpar. (A). Text read as follows: “Assistance shall not be provided to an insured System bank under this subsection if the amount of such assistance exceeds an amount determined by the Corporation to be the cost of liquidating the bank (including paying the insured obligations issued on behalf of the bank). This subparagraph shall not apply to the provision of assistance to a bank if the Corporation determines that the continued operation of the bank is essential to provide adequate agricultural credit services in the area of operations of the bank.”

Subsec. (a)(3)(B) to (F). Pub. L. 104-105, §217(a), added subpars. (B) to (E) and redesignated former subpar. (B) as (F).

1990—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 101-624 substituted “prior to January 1, 1993” for “beginning on the date of the enactment of this part”.

1989—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 101-220 inserted “and other association making direct loans under the authority provided under section 2279b of this title,” after “production credit association”.

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§ 2277a-10a. Oversight actions by Corporation

(a) “Institution” defined

In this section, the term “institution” means—

(1) an insured System bank; and

(2) a production credit association or other association making loans under section 2279b of this title with a direct loan payable to the funding bank of the association that comprises 20 percent or more of the funding bank’s total loan volume net of nonaccrual loans.

(b) Consultation regarding participation of undercapitalized banks in issuance of insured obligations

The Farm Credit Administration shall consult with the Corporation prior to approving an insured obligation that is to be issued by or on behalf of, or participated in by, any insured System bank that fails to meet the minimum level for any capital requirement established by the Farm Credit Administration for the bank.

(c) Consultation regarding applications for mergers and restructurings

(1) Corporation to receive copy of transaction applications

On receiving an application for a merger or restructuring of an institution, the Farm Credit Administration shall forward a copy of the application to the Corporation.

(2) Consultation required

If the proposed merger or restructuring involves an institution that fails to meet the minimum level for any capital requirement established by the Farm Credit Administration applicable to the institution, the Farm Credit Administration shall allow 30 days within which the Corporation may submit the views and recommendations of the Corporation, including any conditions for approval. In determining whether to approve or disapprove any proposed merger or restructuring, the Farm Credit Administration shall give due consideration to the views and recommendations of the Corporation.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, §5.61A, as added Pub. L. 104-105, title II, §218, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 180.)