

Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs” in introductory provisions.

1994—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 103-325 added par. (4).

**§ 4522. Public disclosure of final orders and agreements**

**(a) In general**

The Director shall make available to the public—

(1) any written agreement or other written statement for which a violation may be redressed by the Director or any modification to or termination thereof, unless the Director, in the Director’s discretion, determines that public disclosure would be contrary to the public interest or determines under subsection (c) that public disclosure would seriously threaten the financial health or security of the enterprise;

(2) any order that is issued with respect to any administrative enforcement proceeding initiated by the Director under subchapter III and that has become final; and

(3) any modification to or termination of any final order made public pursuant to this subsection.

**(b) Hearings**

All hearings on the record with respect to any action of the Director or notice of charges issued by the Director shall be open to the public, unless the Director, in the Director’s discretion, determines that holding an open hearing would be contrary to the public interest.

**(c) Delay of public disclosure under exceptional circumstances**

If the Director makes a determination in writing that the public disclosure of any final order pursuant to subsection (a) would seriously threaten the financial health or security of the enterprise, the Director may delay the public disclosure of such order for a reasonable time.

**(d) Documents filed under seal in public enforcement hearings**

The Director may file any document or part thereof under seal in any hearing under subchapter III if the Director determines in writing that disclosure thereof would be contrary to the public interest.

**(e) Retention of documents**

The Director shall keep and maintain a record, for not less than 6 years, of all documents described in subsection (a) and all enforcement agreements and other supervisory actions and supporting documents issued with respect to or in connection with any enforcement proceeding initiated by the Director under subchapter III.

**(f) Disclosures to Congress**

This section may not be construed to authorize the withholding of any information from, or to prohibit the disclosure of any information to, the Congress or any committee or subcommittee thereof.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XIII, §1319C, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3951.)

**§ 4523. Limitation on subsequent employment**

Neither the Director nor any former officer or employee of the Agency who, while employed by

the Agency, was compensated at a rate in excess of the lowest rate for a position classified higher than GS-15 of the General Schedule under section 5107 of title 5 may accept compensation from an enterprise during the 2-year period beginning on the date of separation from employment by the Agency.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XIII, §1319D, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3951; Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title I, §1161(a)(5), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2779.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-289 substituted “the Agency” for “the Office” wherever appearing.

**§ 4524. Audits by GAO**

The Comptroller General may audit the operations of the Agency, and any such audit shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted Government auditing standards. All books, records, accounts, reports, files, and property belonging to, or used by, the Agency shall be made available to the Comptroller General.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XIII, §1319E, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3952; Pub. L. 104-316, title I, §106(h), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3831; Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title I, §1161(a)(5), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2779.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-289 substituted “the Agency” for “the Office” in two places.

1996—Pub. L. 104-316, in first sentence, substituted “may audit” for “shall audit” and inserted “, and any such audit shall be conducted” after “Office”, and struck out at end “Audits under this section shall be conducted annually for the first 2 fiscal years following October 28, 1992, and as appropriate thereafter.”

**§ 4525. Information, records, and meetings**

For purposes of subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5—

(1) the Agency, and

(2) the Department of Housing and Urban Development, with respect to activities under this chapter,

shall be considered agencies responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XIII, §1319F, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3952; Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title I, §1161(a)(5), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2779.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in par. (2), was in the original “this title”, meaning title XIII of Pub. L. 102-550, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3941, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title XIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4501 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Par. (1). Pub. L. 110-289 substituted “the Agency” for “the Office”.

**§ 4526. Regulations and orders**

**(a) Authority**

The Director shall issue any regulations, guidelines, or orders necessary to carry out the duties of the Director under this chapter or the authorizing statutes, and to ensure that the purposes of this chapter and the authorizing statutes are accomplished.

**(b) Notice and comment**

Any regulations issued by the Director under this section shall be issued after notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the provisions of section 553 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XIII, §1319G, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3952; Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title I, §1107, July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2672.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this title”, meaning title XIII of Pub. L. 102-550, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3941, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title XIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4501 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-289, §1107(1), added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Director shall issue any regulations and orders necessary to carry out the duties of the Director and to carry out this chapter before the expiration of the 18-month period beginning on the appointment of the Director under section 4512 of this title. Such regulations and orders shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary only to the extent provided in subsections (b) and (c) of section 4513 of this title.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 110-289, §1107(2), struck out subsec. (c). Text read as follows: “The Director may not publish any regulation for comment under subsection (b) of this section unless, not less than 15 days before it is published for comment, the Director has submitted a copy of the regulation, in the form it is intended to be proposed, to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate.”

**§ 4527. Data standards**

**(a) Requirement**

The Agency shall, by rule, adopt data standards for all collections of information that are regularly filed with or submitted to the Agency.

**(b) Consistency**

The data standards required under subsection (a) shall incorporate, and ensure compatibility with (to the extent feasible), all applicable data standards established in the rules promulgated under section 5334 of this title, including, to the extent practicable, by having the characteristics described in clauses (i) through (vi) of subsection (c)(1)(B) of such section 5334.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XIII, §1319H, as added Pub. L. 117-263, div. E, title LVIII, § 5881, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3437.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

RULEMAKING

Pub. L. 117-263, div. E, title LVIII, §5883, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3437, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency shall issue rules to carry out the amendments made by this subtitle [subtitle H (§§ 5881–5884) of title LVIII of div. E of Pub. L. 117-263, enacting this section and section 4528 of this title], which shall take effect not later than 2 years after the date on which final rules are promulgated under section 124(b)(2) of the Financial Stability Act of 2010 [12 U.S.C. 5334(b)(2)], as added by section 5811(a) of this title.

“(b) MINIMIZING DISRUPTION.—In issuing the regulations required under subsection (a), the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency shall seek to minimize disruptive changes to the persons affected by those rules.”

RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING NO NEW DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Pub. L. 117-263, div. E, title LVIII, § 5884, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3438, provided that: “Nothing in this subtitle [subtitle H (§§ 5881–5884) of title LVIII of div. E of Pub. L. 117-263, enacting this section, section 4528 of this title, and provisions set out as a note under this section], or the amendments made by this subtitle, shall be construed to require the Federal Housing Finance Agency to collect or make publicly available additional information under the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4501 et seq.), beyond information that was collected or made publicly available under that Act, as of the day before the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 23, 2022].”

**§ 4528. Open data publication**

All public data assets published by the Agency shall be—

- (1) made available as an open Government data asset (as defined in section 3502 of title 44);
- (2) freely available for download;
- (3) rendered in a human-readable format; and
- (4) accessible via application programming interface where appropriate.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XIII, § 1319I, as added Pub. L. 117-263, div. E, title LVIII, § 5882, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3437.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING NO NEW DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Enactment of section not to be construed to require certain additional information to be collected or disclosed, see section 5884 of Pub. L. 117-263, set out as a note under section 4527 of this title.

PART B—ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE DIRECTOR

SUBPART 1—GENERAL AUTHORITY

**§ 4541. Prior approval authority for products**

**(a) In general**

The Director shall require each enterprise to obtain the approval of the Director for any product of the enterprise before initially offering the product.

**(b) Standard for approval**

In considering any request for approval of a product pursuant to subsection (a), the Director shall make a determination that—

- (1) in the case of a product of the Federal National Mortgage Association, the product is