

(e) Affect on Federal regulatory agency research and development of new financial institutions supervisory agencies

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit or discourage Federal regulatory agency research and development of new financial institutions supervisory methods and tools, nor to preclude the field testing of any innovation devised by any Federal regulatory agency.

(f) Annual report

Not later than April 1 of each year, the Council shall prepare an annual report covering its activities during the preceding year.

(g) Flood insurance

The Council shall consult with and assist the Federal entities for lending regulation, as such term is defined in section 4121(a) of title 42, in developing and coordinating uniform standards and requirements for use by regulated lending institutions under the national flood insurance program.

(Pub. L. 95-630, title X, §1006, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3695; Pub. L. 97-320, title IV, §431, Oct. 15, 1982, 96 Stat. 1527; Pub. L. 101-73, title VII, §744(a)(3), Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 438; Pub. L. 103-325, title V, §530, Sept. 23, 1994, 108 Stat. 2267.)

AMENDMENTS

- 1994—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 103-325 added subsec. (g).
 1989—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101-73 inserted “and employees of the Federal Housing Finance Board” after “supervisory agencies”.
 1982—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 97-320 substituted “unacceptable” for “unaccepted”.

REPORT ON CONSISTENT USE OF FINANCIAL TERMINOLOGY

Section 210 of Pub. L. 103-325 provided that: “Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act [Sept. 23, 1994], the Financial Institutions Examination Council shall report to the Congress on its recommendations for the use of consistent financial terminology by depository institutions for small business loans or leases of personal property which are sold for the creation of small business related securities (as defined in section 3(a)(53)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 [15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(53)(A)]).”

EXAMINATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Pub. L. 102-242, title I, §111(d), Dec. 19, 1991, 105 Stat. 2241, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The appropriate Federal banking agencies, acting through the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, shall each establish a comparable examination improvement program that meets the requirements of paragraph (2).

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—An examination improvement program meets the requirements of this paragraph if, under the program, the agency is required—

“(A) to periodically review the organization and training of the staff of the agency who are responsible for conducting examinations of insured depository institutions and to make such improvements as the agency determines to be appropriate to ensure frequent, objective, and thorough examinations of such institutions; and

“(B) to increase the number of examiners, supervisors, and other individuals employed by the agency in connection with conducting or supervising examinations of insured depository institutions to the extent necessary to ensure frequent, objective, and thorough examinations of such institutions.”

STUDY ON REGULATORY BURDEN

Pub. L. 102-242, title II, §221, Dec. 19, 1991, 105 Stat. 2305, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 19, 1991], the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, in consultation with individuals representing insured depository institutions, consumers, community groups, and other interested parties, shall—

“(1) review the policies and procedures, and record-keeping and documentation requirements used to monitor and enforce compliance with—

“(A) all laws under the jurisdiction of the Federal banking agencies; and

“(B) all laws affecting insured depository institutions under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Treasury;

“(2) determine whether such policies, procedures, and requirements impose unnecessary burdens on insured depository institutions; and

“(3) identify any revisions of such policies, procedures, and requirements that could reduce unnecessary burdens on insured depository institutions without in any respect—

“(A) diminishing either compliance with or enforcement of consumer laws in any respect; or

“(B) endangering the safety and soundness of insured depository institutions.

“(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 19, 1991], the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council shall submit to the Congress a report describing the revisions identified under subsection (a)(3).

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the terms ‘insured depository institution’ and ‘Federal banking agency’ have the same meanings as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act [12 U.S.C. 1813].”

STUDY AND REPORT ASSESSING FEASIBILITY AND USEFULNESS OF DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS MAKING SMALL BUSINESS LOANS TO COMPILE AND DISCLOSE LOAN INFORMATION

Pub. L. 96-399, title III, §340(d), Oct. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1659, directed Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, in consultation with Administrator of Small Business Administration, to conduct a study to assess feasibility and usefulness of requiring depository institutions which make small business loans to compile and publicly disclose information regarding such loans, and directed Council to submit a report on results of such study, together with recommendations, to Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and House Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs not later than Mar. 1, 1981.

EVALUATION AND REPORT ON FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING A UNIFIED SYSTEM FOR ENFORCING FAIR LENDING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 96-399, title III, §340(e), Oct. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1659, directed Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council to transmit a report to Congress not later than Sept. 30, 1982, on feasibility and desirability of establishing a unified system for enforcing fair lending laws and regulations, implementing Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 [12 U.S.C. 2901 et seq.], and satisfying public disclosure purposes of Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975 [12 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.], such report to evaluate status and effectiveness of data collection and analysis systems of such agencies involving fair lending and community reinvestment, and to outline possible specific timetables for implementing such a unified system.

§ 3306. State liaison

To encourage the application of uniform examination principles and standards by State and Federal supervisory agencies, the Council shall establish a liaison committee composed of five

representatives of State agencies which supervise financial institutions which shall meet at least twice a year with the Council. Members of the liaison committee shall receive a reasonable allowance for necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings.

(Pub. L. 95-630, title X, §1007, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3696.)

§ 3307. Administration

(a) Authority of Chairman of Council

The Chairman of the Council is authorized to carry out and to delegate the authority to carry out the internal administration of the Council, including the appointment and supervision of employees and the distribution of business among members, employees, and administrative units.

(b) Use of personnel, services, and facilities of Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies, Federal Reserve banks, and Federal Home Loan Banks

in¹ addition to any other authority conferred upon it by this chapter, in carrying out its functions under this chapter, the Council may utilize, with their consent and to the extent practical, the personnel, services, and facilities of the Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies, Federal Reserve banks, and Federal Home Loan Banks, with or without reimbursement therefor.

(c) Compensation, authority, and duties of officers and employees; experts and consultants

In addition, the Council may—

(1) subject to the provisions of title 5 relating to the competitive service, classification, and General Schedule pay rates, appoint and fix the compensation of such officers and employees as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and to prescribe the authority and duties of such officers and employees; and

(2) obtain the services of such experts and consultants as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 95-630, title X, §1008, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3696.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The provisions of title 5 relating to the competitive service, referred to in subsec. (c), are classified generally to section 3301 et seq. of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

The provisions of title 5 relating to classification, referred to in subsec. (c), are classified generally to chapter 51 (§5101 et seq.) and to subchapter III (§5331 et seq.) of chapter 53 of Title 5.

The provisions of title 5 relating to General Schedule pay rates, referred to in subsec. (c), are set out under section 5332 of Title 5.

§ 3308. Access to books, accounts, records, etc., by Council

For the purpose of carrying out this chapter, the Council shall have access to all books, accounts, records, reports, files, memorandums, papers, things, and property belonging to or in

use by Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies, including reports of examination of financial institutions or their holding companies from whatever source, together with workpapers and correspondence files related to such reports, whether or not a part of the report, and all without any deletions.

(Pub. L. 95-630, title X, §1009, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3696.)

§ 3309. Risk management training

(a) Seminars

The Council shall develop and administer training seminars in risk management for its employees and the employees of insured financial institutions.

(b) Study of risk management training program

Not later than end of the 1-year period beginning on August 9, 1989, the Council shall—

(1) conduct a study on the feasibility and appropriateness of establishing a formalized risk management training program designed to lead to the certification of Risk Management Analysts; and

(2) report to the Congress the results of such study.

(Pub. L. 95-630, title X, §1009A, as added Pub. L. 101-73, title XII, §1218, Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 546.)

§ 3310. Establishment of Appraisal Subcommittee

There shall be within the Council a subcommittee to be known as the “Appraisal Subcommittee”, which shall consist of the designees of the heads of the Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies. Each such designee shall be a person who has demonstrated knowledge and competence concerning the appraisal profession.

(Pub. L. 95-630, title X, §1011, as added Pub. L. 101-73, title XI, §1102, Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 511.)

§ 3311. Required review of regulations

(a) In general

Not less frequently than once every 10 years, the Council and each appropriate Federal banking agency represented on the Council shall conduct a review of all regulations prescribed by the Council or by any such appropriate Federal banking agency, respectively, in order to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on insured depository institutions.

(b) Process

In conducting the review under subsection (a) of this section, the Council or the appropriate Federal banking agency shall—

(1) categorize the regulations described in subsection (a) of this section by type (such as consumer regulations, safety and soundness regulations, or such other designations as determined by the Council, or the appropriate Federal banking agency); and

(2) at regular intervals, provide notice and solicit public comment on a particular category or categories of regulations, requesting commentators to identify areas of the regulations that are outdated, unnecessary, or unduly burdensome.

¹ So in original. Probably should be capitalized.