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Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
12 CFR Part 345
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Community Reinvestment Act Regulations

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury (OCC); Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Joint final rule; technical amendment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, the Board, and the FDIC (collectively, the Agencies) are amending their Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) regulations to adjust the asset-size thresholds used to define “small bank” or “small savings association” and “intermediate small bank” or “intermediate small savings association.” As required by the CRA regulations, the adjustment to the threshold amount is based on the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI–W). During the period ending November 2015, the CPI–W decreased by 0.42 percent. As a result, the Agencies are revising 12 CFR 25.12(u)(1), 195.12(u)(1), 228.12(u)(1), and 345.12(u)(1) to make this annual adjustment. Beginning January 1, 2016, banks and savings associations that, as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years, had assets of less than $1.216 billion are small banks or small savings associations. Small banks and small savings associations with assets of at least $305 million as of December 31 of both of the prior two calendar years and less than $1.221 billion as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years are intermediate small banks or intermediate small savings associations. 12 CFR 25.12(u)(1), 195.12(u)(1), 228.12(u)(1), and 345.12(u)(1). This joint final rule revises these thresholds.

DATES: January 1, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Description of the Joint Final Rule

The Agencies’ CRA regulations establish CRA performance standards for small and intermediate small banks and savings associations. The CRA regulations define small and intermediate small banks and savings associations by reference to asset-size criteria expressed in dollar amounts, and they further require the Agencies to publish annual adjustments to these dollar figures based on the year-to-year change in the average of the CPI–W, not seasonally adjusted, for each twelve-month period ending in November, with rounding to the nearest million. 12 CFR 25.12(u)(2), 195.12(u)(2), 228.12(u)(2), and 345.12(u)(2). This adjustment formula was first adopted for CRA purposes by the OCC, the Board, and the FDIC on August 2, 2005, effective September 1, 2005. 70 FR 44256 (Aug. 2, 2005). The Agencies noted that the CPI–W is also used in connection with other federal laws, such as the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act. See 12 U.S.C. 2008; 12 CFR 1003.2. On March 22, 2007, and effective July 1, 2007, the former OTS, the agency then responsible for regulating savings associations, adopted an annual adjustment formula consistent with that of the other federal banking agencies in its CRA rule previously set forth at 12 CFR 563e. 72 FR 13429 (Mar. 22, 2007).

Pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act), and effective July 21, 2011, CRA rulemaking authority for federal and state savings associations was transferred from the OTS to the OCC, and the OCC subsequently republished, at 12 CFR 195, the CRA regulations applicable to those institutions. In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act transferred responsibility for supervision of savings and loan holding companies and their non-depository subsidiaries from the OTS to the Board and the Board subsequently amended its CRA regulation to reflect this transfer of supervisory authority.

The threshold for small banks and small savings associations was revised most recently in December 2014, and became effective January 1, 2015 (79 FR 77852 (Dec. 29, 2014)). The current CRA regulations provide that banks and savings associations that, as of December 31 of each of the prior two calendar years, had assets of less than $1.221 billion are small banks or small savings associations. Small banks and small savings associations with assets of at least $305 million as of December 31 of both of the prior two calendar years and less than $1.221 billion as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years are intermediate small banks or intermediate small savings associations. 12 CFR 25.12(u)(1), 195.12(u)(1), 228.12(u)(1), and 345.12(u)(1). This joint final rule revises these thresholds.

During the period ending November 2015, the CPI–W decreased by 0.42 percent. As a result, the Agencies are revising 12 CFR 25.12(u)(1), 195.12(u)(1), 228.12(u)(1), and 345.12(u)(1) to make this annual adjustment. Beginning January 1, 2016, banks and savings associations that, as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years, had assets of less than $1.216 billion are small banks or small savings associations. Small banks and small savings associations with assets of at least $304 million as of December 31 of both of the prior two calendar years and less than $1.216 billion as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years are intermediate small banks or intermediate small savings associations. The Agencies also publish current and historical asset-size thresholds on the Web site of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council at http://www.ffiec.gov/cra/.

2 See OCC interim final rule, 76 FR 48950 (Aug. 9, 2011).
3 See Board interim final rule, 76 FR 56508 (Sept. 13, 2011).
In addition, the Agencies are making technical edits to 12 CFR 25.42, 228.42, and 345.42 to remove obsolete references to the “Office of Thrift Supervision” and to 12 CFR 563e in the CRA rules. As explained above, Title III of the Dodd-Frank Act transferred the powers, authorities, rights, and duties of the OTS to the Agencies. Specifically, among other changes, Title III abolished the OTS; transferred rulemaking and supervisory authority over savings and loan holding companies and supervisory authority over their non-depositary subsidiaries to the Board; transferred rulemaking authority over federal savings associations and state savings associations, and supervisory authority over federal savings associations, to the OCC; and transferred supervisory authority over state savings associations to the FDIC.

Further, the Agencies are updating references to certain regulations implementing Federal consumer financial laws in the CRA regulations, as Title X of the Dodd-Frank Act transferred rulemaking authority for a number of Federal consumer financial laws, including the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) and the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), effective July 21, 2011. The CFPB subsequently published an interim final rule to establish its own Regulation C to implement TILA. An interim final rule to establish its own Regulation C to implement TILA was published. As discussed above, the OCC has determined that the publication of a general notice of proposed rulemaking was unnecessary. Accordingly, this joint final rule is not subject to section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

**List of Subjects**

12 CFR Part 25
Community development, Credit, Investments, National banks, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

12 CFR Part 195
Community development, Credit, Investments, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Savings associations.

12 CFR Part 228
Banks, Banking, Community development, Credit, Investments, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Department of the Treasury
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

12 CFR Chapter I

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, 12 CFR parts 25 and 195 are amended as follows:
PART 25—COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT AND INTERSTATE DEPOSIT PRODUCTION REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 25 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 21, 22, 26, 27, 30, 36, 93a, 161, 215, 215a, 481, 1814, 1816, 1828(c), 1835a, 2901 through 2908, and 3101 through 3111.

2. Section 25.12 is amended:

a. In paragraph (h)(2)(i), by removing “part 203” and adding “part 1003” in its place;

b. In paragraph (j)(2), by removing “§ 226.2” and adding “§ 1026.2” in its place;

c. In paragraph (l), by removing “§ 203.2” and adding “§ 1003.2” in its place; and

d. By revising paragraph 25.12(u)(1).

The revision reads as follows:

§ 25.12 Definitions.

(u) Small bank—(1) Definition. Small bank means a bank that, as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years, had assets of less than $1.216 billion. Intermediate small bank means a small bank with assets of at least $304 million as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years and less than $1.216 billion as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years.

§ 25.42 [Amended]

3. Section 25.42 is amended:

a. In paragraphs (b)(3) and (d), by removing “part 203” and adding “part 1003” in its place; and

b. In paragraph (i), by removing “part 203” and adding “part 1003” in its place.

§ 25.43 [Amended]

4. Section 25.43 is amended in paragraph (b)(2) by removing “part 203” and adding “part 1003” in its place.

PART 195—COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT

5. The authority citation for part 195 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1462a, 1463, 1464, 1814, 1816, 1828(c), 2901 through 2908, and 5412(b)(2)(B).

6. Section 195.12 is amended:

a. In paragraph (h)(2)(i), by removing “part 203” and adding “part 1003” in its place;

b. In paragraph (j)(2), by removing “§ 226.2” and adding “§ 1026.2” in its place;

c. In paragraph (l), by removing “§ 203.2” and adding “§ 1003.2” in its place; and

d. By revising paragraph 195.12(u)(1).

The revision reads as follows:

§ 195.12 Definitions.

(u) Small savings association—(1) Definition. Small savings association means a savings association that, as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years, had assets of less than $1.216 billion. Intermediate small savings association means a small savings association with assets of at least $304 million as of December 31 of both of the prior two calendar years and less than $1.216 billion as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years.

§ 195.42 [Amended]

7. Section 195.42 is amended in paragraphs (b)(3) and (d) by removing “part 203” and adding “part 1003” in its place, wherever it appears.

§ 195.43 [Amended]

8. Section 195.43 is amended in paragraph (b)(2) by removing “part 203” and adding “part 1003” in its place.

Federal Reserve System

12 CFR Chapter II

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System amends part 228 of chapter II of title 12 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 228—COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT (REGULATION BB)

9. The authority citation for part 228 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 321, 325, 1828(c), 1842, 1843, 1844, and 2901 et seq.

10. Section 228.12 is amended:

a. In paragraph (b)(2)(i), by removing “part 203” and adding “part 1003” in its place;

b. In paragraph (j)(2), by removing “§ 226.2” and adding “§ 1026.2” in its place; and

c. By revising paragraph 228.12(u)(1).

The revision reads as follows:

§ 228.12 Definitions.

(u) Small bank—(1) Definition. Small bank means a bank that, as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years, had assets of less than $1.216 billion. Intermediate small bank means a small bank with assets of at least $304 million as of December 31 of both of the prior two calendar years and less than $1.216 billion as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years.

§ 228.42 [Amended]

11. Section 228.42 is amended:

a. In paragraphs (b)(3) and (d), by removing “part 203” and adding “part 1003” in its place, wherever it appears; and

b. In paragraph (i), by removing “, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of Thrift Supervision,” and adding “and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,” in its place, and by removing “parts 25, 345, or 563e” and adding “parts 25, 195, or 345” in its place.

§ 228.43 [Amended]

12. Section 228.43 is amended in paragraph (b)(2), by removing “part 203” and adding “part 1003” in its place.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

12 CFR Chapter III

Authority and Issuance

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation amends part 345 of chapter III of title 12 of the Code of Federal Regulations to read as follows:

PART 345—COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT

13. The authority citation for part 345 continues to read as follows:


14. Section 345.12 is amended:

a. In paragraph (h)(2)(i), by removing “part 203” and adding “part 1003” in its place; and

b. In paragraph (j)(2), by removing “§ 226.2” and adding “§ 1026.2” in its place; and

c. In paragraph (l), by removing “§ 203.2” and adding “§ 1003.2” in its place; and

d. By revising paragraph 345.12(u)(1).

The revision reads as follows:

§ 345.12 Definitions.

(u) Small bank—(1) Definition. Small bank means a bank that, as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years, had assets of less than $1.216 billion. Intermediate small bank means a small bank with assets of at least $304 million as of December 31 of both of the prior two calendar years and less than $1.216 billion as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years.
(u) Small bank—(1) Definition. Small bank means a bank that, as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years, had assets of less than $1,216 billion. Intermediate small bank means a small bank with assets of at least $304 million as of December 31 of both of the prior two calendar years and less than $1,216 billion as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years.

§ 345.42 [Amended]

■ 15. Section 345.42 is amended:

■ a. In paragraphs (b)(3) and (d), by removing “part 203” and adding “part 1003” in its place, wherever it appears; and

■ b. In paragraph (i), by removing “”, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Office of Thrift Supervision,” and adding “and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency,” in its place, and by removing “parts 25, 228, or 563e” and adding “parts 25, 195, or 228” in its place.

§ 345.43 [Amended]

■ 16. Section 345.43 is amended in paragraph (b)(2) by removing “part 203” and adding “part 1003” in its place.


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By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, acting through the Secretary of the Board under delegated authority. December 16, 2015.

Robert deV. Frierson,
Secretary of the Board.

By order of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 15th day of December, 2015.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39


RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are superseding Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2011–07–10 for certain Bombardier, Inc. Model BD–100–1A10 (Challenger 300) airplanes. AD 2011–07–10 required revising the Airworthiness Limitations section of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness; doing detailed visual inspections; removing discrepant material; cleaning the surfaces of the valves, the plug of the sensing port, and the cabin pressure-sensing port plug; securing the insulation; installing a new safety valve, and replacing certain cabin pressure-sensing port plugs. This new AD retains all requirements of AD 2011–07–10, and requires a detailed visual inspection of both safety valves and the surrounding area for foreign material, room temperature Vulcanizing (RTV) silicone, contamination, foam on the bulkhead structure, tape or insulation, and loose material; and corrective actions if necessary. This AD was prompted by reports of in-flight loss of cabin pressurization that was attributed to partial blockage of a safety valve cabin pressure-sensing port in conjunction with a failed safety valve manometric capsule. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct blockage of a safety valve cabin pressure-sensing port, which could result in loss of cabin pressure.

DATES: This AD becomes effective February 2, 2016.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of February 2, 2016.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain other publications listed in this AD as of May 5, 2011 (76 FR 17758, March 31, 2011).


For service information identified in this final rule, contact Bombardier, Inc., 400 Côte-Vertu Road West, Dorval, Québec H4S 1Y9, Canada; telephone 514–855–5000; fax 514–855–7401; email thd.cjr@fdeo.bombardier.com; Internet http://www.bombardier.com; You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA.

For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221. It is also available on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2015–1199.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

We issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to supersede AD 2011–07–10, Amendment 39–16647 (76 FR 17758, March 31, 2011). AD 2011–07–10 applied to certain Bombardier, Inc. Model BD–100–1A10 (Challenger 300) airplanes. The NPRM published in the Federal Register on April 15, 2015 (80 FR 20181) (“the NPRM”). Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA), which is the aviation authority for Canada, has issued Canadian Airworthiness Directive CF–2010–06R1, dated August 8, 2013 (referred to after this as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or “the MCAI”), to correct an unsafe condition for certain Bombardier, Inc. Model BD–100–1A10 (Challenger 300) airplanes. The MCAI states:

Investigation of a high altitude loss of cabin pressurization on a BD–100–1A10 aeroplane determined that it was caused by a partial blockage of a safety valve cabin pressure-sensing port, in conjunction with a dormant failure/leakage of the safety valve manometric capsule. The blockage, caused by accumulation of lint/dust on the grid of the port plug, did not allow sufficient airflow through the cabin pressure-sensing port to compensate for the rate of leakage from the manometric capsule, resulting in the opening of the safety valve. It was also determined that failure of the manometric capsule alone would not result in the opening of the safety valve.

The original issue of this [Canadian] AD mandated a revision of the maintenance schedule, the cleaning of the safety valves, the removal of material from the area surrounding the safety valves and the modification of the safety valves with a gridless cabin pressure-sensing port plug.

Since the original issue of this [Canadian] AD, there have been two additional reported events of in-flight loss of cabin pressurization that were attributed to partial blockage of a safety valve cabin pressure-sensing port in conjunction with a failed safety valve manometric capsule.

Bombardier Aerospace has determined that aeroplanes with a particular interior installation require improved instructions to...