

- Allow principal applicants of any age to apply for derivative T nonimmigrant status for unmarried siblings under 18 years of age and parents as eligible family members if the family member faces a present danger of retaliation as a result of the principal applicant's escape from a severe form of trafficking or cooperation with law enforcement. 8 CFR 214.11(k)(1)(iii) and (k)(5)(iv).

- Allow principal applicants of any age to apply for derivative T nonimmigrant status for children (adult or minor) of the principal's derivative family members if the derivative's child faces a present danger of retaliation as a result of the principal's escape from a severe form of trafficking or cooperation with law enforcement. 8 CFR 214.11(k)(1)(iii).

- Permit all derivative T nonimmigrants, if otherwise eligible, to apply for adjustment of status under INA section 245(l), 8 U.S.C. 1255(l). 8 CFR 245.23(b)(2).

- Remove the requirement that eligible family members must face extreme hardship if the family member is not admitted to the United States or was removed from the United States. See 81 FR 92282 (describing the change).

- Exempt T nonimmigrant applicants from the public charge ground of inadmissibility. 8 CFR 212.16(b).

- Limit duration of T nonimmigrant status to 4 years but providing extensions for LEA need, for exceptional circumstances, and for the pendency of an application for adjustment of status. 8 CFR 214.11(c)(1) and (l).

- Clarify that presence in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands after being granted T nonimmigrant status qualifies toward the requisite physical presence requirement for adjustment of status. 8 CFR 245.23(a)(3)(ii).

- Conform the regulatory definition of sex trafficking to the revised statutory definition in section 103(10) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. 22 U.S.C. 7102(10), as amended by section 108(b) of the JVT A, 129 Stat. 239. 8 CFR 214.11(a).

- Specify how USCIS will exercise its waiver of grounds of inadmissibility authority with respect to criminal inadmissibility grounds. 8 CFR 212.16(b)(3).

- Discontinue the practice of weighing evidence as primary and secondary in favor of an "any credible evidence" standard. 8 CFR 214.11(d)(2)(ii) and (3).

- Provide guidance on the definition of "severe form of trafficking in persons" where an individual has not

performed labor or services, or a commercial sex act. 8 CFR 214.11(f)(1).

- Remove the current regulatory "opportunity to depart" requirement for those who escaped traffickers before law enforcement became involved. 8 CFR 214.11(g)(2).

- Address situations where trafficking has occurred abroad, but the applicant can potentially meet the physical presence requirement. 8 CFR 214.11(g)(3).

- Eliminate the requirement that an applicant provide three passport-style photographs. See 81 FR 92298 (providing reasons for the change).

- Remove the filing deadline for applicants victimized prior to October 28, 2000. Update the regulation to reflect the creation of DHS, and to implement current standards of regulatory organization, plain language, and USCIS efforts to transform its customer service practices. See 81 FR 92277.

DHS believes the T nonimmigrant program is an effective tool in the investigation of and fight against human trafficking, disrupting and dismantling human trafficking organizations and providing support and protection to their victims. During the reopening of the public comment period, DHS encourages comments and suggestions on all aspects of the T-nonimmigrant program and USCIS administration of the program.

DHS is reopening the comment period to allow interested persons to provide up-to-date comments on the IFR in recognition of the time that has lapsed since the initial publication of the IFR. Reopening the comment period ensures that we are fully considering all current factors, concerns and input of the parties who may be affected by this rulemaking. DHS also believes that the T nonimmigrant program will benefit from updated public comments regarding eligibility and procedures for the classification for T nonimmigrant status. Due to the lapse in time since the IFR was issued, DHS seeks to reengage the public and allow further input on the changes prior to finalizing this rulemaking. DHS will consider comments received during the entire public comment period in our development of a final rule.

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## FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

### 12 CFR Part 655

RIN 3052-AD47

### Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Disclosure and Reporting

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**ACTION:** Notification of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** The Farm Credit Administration (FCA) issued a direct final rule adopting administrative amendments to eliminate requirements for the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac) to submit paper copies of certain reports to the FCA's Office of Secondary Market Oversight (OSMO). Electronic copies of the reports are sufficient for oversight and examination purposes.

**DATES:** The direct final rule amending 12 CFR part 655, published on May 24, 2021 (86 FR 27797), is effective on July 9, 2021.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 24, 2021, FCA issued a direct final rule adopting administrative amendments to eliminate requirements for Farmer Mac to submit paper copies of certain reports to OSMO. In accordance with 12 U.S.C. 2252(c)(1), the effective date of the rule is no earlier than 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register** during which either or both Houses of Congress are in session. Based on the records of the sessions of Congress, the effective date of the regulations is July 9, 2021.

Dated: July 12, 2021.

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