

assets,”<sup>5</sup> (2) incorporating the statutory dividend rates for Reserve Bank stockholders<sup>6</sup> and (3) providing that the Board shall adjust the threshold for total consolidated assets annually to reflect the change in the Gross Domestic Product Price Index.<sup>7</sup> The Board has explained that it “expects to make this adjustment [to the threshold for total consolidated assets] using the final second quarter estimate of the Gross Domestic Product Price Index for each year, published by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.”<sup>8</sup>

## II. Adjustment

The Board annually adjusts the \$10 billion total consolidated asset threshold based on the change in the Gross Domestic Product Price Index between the second quarter of 2015 (the baseline year) and the second quarter of the current year.<sup>9</sup> The second quarter 2023 Gross Domestic Product Price Index estimate published by the BEA in September 2023 (121.789) is 25.17 percent higher than the second quarter 2015 Gross Domestic Product Price Index estimate published by the BEA in September 2023 (97.302). Based on this change in the Gross Domestic Product Price Index, the threshold for total consolidated assets in Regulation I will be \$12,517,000,000 as of January 1, 2024.

## III. Administrative Law Matters

### *Administrative Procedure Act*

The provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(b) relating to notice of proposed rulemaking have not been followed in connection with the adoption of these amendments. The amendments involve expected, ministerial adjustments that are required by statute and Regulation I and are consistent with a method previously set forth by the Board.<sup>10</sup> Accordingly, the Board finds good cause for determining, and so determines, that notice in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(b) is unnecessary.

<sup>5</sup> 12 CFR 209.1(d)(3).

<sup>6</sup> 12 CFR 209.4(e), (c)(1)(ii), and (d)(1)(ii); 209.2(a); and 209.3(d)(5).

<sup>7</sup> 12 CFR 209.4(f).

<sup>8</sup> 81 FR 84415, 84417 (Nov. 23, 2016).

<sup>9</sup> The BEA makes ongoing revisions to its estimates of the Gross Domestic Product Price Index for historical calendar quarters. The Board calculates annual adjustments from the baseline year (rather than from the prior-year total consolidated asset threshold) to ensure that the adjusted total consolidated asset threshold accurately reflects the cumulative change in the BEA's most recent estimates of the Gross Domestic Product Price Index.

<sup>10</sup> See 12 CFR 209.4(f) and n. 8 and accompanying text, *supra*.

### *Regulatory Flexibility Act*

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) does not apply to a rulemaking where a general notice of proposed rulemaking is not required.<sup>11</sup> As noted previously, the Board has determined that it is unnecessary to publish a general notice of proposed rulemaking for this final rule. Accordingly, the RFA's requirements relating to an initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis do not apply.

### *Paperwork Reduction Act*

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,<sup>12</sup> the Board has reviewed this final rule. No collections of information pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act are contained in the final rule.

### List of Subjects in 12 CFR Part 209

Banks and banking, Federal Reserve System, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Securities.

### Authority and Issuance

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Board amends Regulation I, 12 CFR part 209, as follows:

### PART 209—ISSUE AND CANCELLATION OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK CAPITAL STOCK (REGULATION I)

- 1. The authority citation for part 209 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 12 U.S.C. 222, 248, 282, 286–288, 289, 321, 323, 327–328, and 466.

- 2. In part 209, remove all references to “\$12,124,000,000” and add in their place wherever they appear “\$12,517,000,000”.

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

**Ann E. Misback,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### 12 CFR Part 213

[Docket No. R–1821]

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## CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

### 12 CFR Part 1013

#### Consumer Leasing (Regulation M)

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau).

**ACTION:** Final rules, official interpretations, and commentary.

**SUMMARY:** The Board and the Bureau (collectively, the Agencies) are finalizing amendments to the official interpretations and commentary for the Agencies' regulations that implement the Consumer Leasing Act (CLA). The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) amended the CLA by requiring that the dollar threshold for exempt consumer leases be adjusted annually by the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI–W). Under regulations adopted by the Agencies, if there is no annual percentage increase in the CPI–W, the Agencies will not adjust this exemption threshold from the prior year. Additionally, in years following a year in which the exemption threshold was not adjusted because the CPI–W decreased, the threshold is calculated by applying the annual percentage change in the CPI–W to the dollar amount that would have resulted, after rounding, if the decreases and any subsequent increases in the CPI–W had been taken into account. Based on the annual percentage increase in the CPI–W as of June 1, 2023, the exemption threshold will increase from \$66,400 to \$69,500 effective January 1, 2024. Because the Dodd-Frank Act also requires similar adjustments in the Truth in Lending Act's threshold for exempt consumer credit transactions, the Agencies are making similar amendments to each of their respective regulations implementing the Truth in Lending Act elsewhere in the Rules section of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective January 1, 2024.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*Board:* Vivian W. Wong, Senior Counsel, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors

<sup>11</sup> 5 U.S.C. 603 and 604.

<sup>12</sup> 44 U.S.C. 3506; 5 CFR part 1320.

of the Federal Reserve System, at (202) 452-3667. For users of TTY-TRS, please call 711 from any telephone, anywhere in the United States.

*Bureau:* Anna Boadwee and Adrien Fernandez, Attorney-Advisors, Office of Regulations, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, at (202) 435-7700. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact [CFPB\\_Accessibility@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Background

The Dodd-Frank Act increased the threshold in the CLA for exempt consumer leases, and the threshold in the Truth in Lending Act (TILA) for exempt consumer credit transactions,<sup>1</sup> from \$25,000 to \$50,000, effective July 21, 2011.<sup>2</sup> In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act requires that, on and after December 31, 2011, these thresholds be adjusted annually for inflation by the annual percentage increase in the CPI-W, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.<sup>3</sup> In April 2011, the Board issued a final rule amending Regulation M (which implements the CLA) consistent with these provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, along with a similar final rule amending Regulation Z (which implements TILA) (collectively, the Board Final Threshold Rules).<sup>4</sup>

Title X of the Dodd-Frank Act transferred rulemaking authority for a number of consumer financial protection laws from the Board to the Bureau, effective July 21, 2011. In connection with this transfer of rulemaking authority, the Bureau issued its own Regulation M implementing the CLA, 12 CFR part 1013, substantially duplicating the Board's Regulation M.<sup>5</sup> Although the Bureau has the authority to issue rules to implement the CLA for most entities, the Board retains authority to issue rules under the CLA for certain motor vehicle dealers covered by section 1029(a) of the Dodd-Frank Act, and the Board's Regulation M continues to apply to those entities.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Although consumer credit transactions above the threshold are generally exempt, loans secured by real property or by personal property used or expected to be used as the principal dwelling of a consumer and private education loans are covered by TILA regardless of the loan amount. See 12 CFR 226.3(b)(1)(i) (Board) and 12 CFR 1026.3(b)(1)(i) (Bureau).

<sup>2</sup> Public Law 111-203, section 1100E, 124 Stat. 1376, 2111 (2010).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> 76 FR 18349 (Apr. 4, 2011); 76 FR 18354 (Apr. 4, 2011).

<sup>5</sup> See 76 FR 78500 (Dec. 19, 2011); 81 FR 25323 (Apr. 28, 2016).

<sup>6</sup> Section 1029(a) of the Dodd-Frank Act states: "Except as permitted in subsection (b), the Bureau may not exercise any rulemaking, supervisory, enforcement, or any other authority . . . over a

The Agencies' regulations,<sup>7</sup> and their accompanying commentaries, provide that the exemption threshold will be adjusted annually effective January 1 of each year based on any annual percentage increase in the CPI-W that was in effect on the preceding June 1. They further provide that any increase in the threshold amount will be rounded to the nearest \$100 increment. For example, if the annual percentage increase in the CPI-W would result in a \$950 increase in the threshold amount, the threshold amount will be increased by \$1,000. However, if the annual percentage increase in the CPI-W would result in a \$949 increase in the threshold amount, the threshold amount will be increased by \$900.<sup>8</sup> Since 2011, the Agencies have adjusted the Regulation M exemption threshold annually, in accordance with these rules.

On November 30, 2016, the Agencies published a final rule in the **Federal Register** to memorialize the calculation method used by the Agencies each year to adjust the exemption threshold to ensure that, as contemplated by section 1100E(b) of the Dodd-Frank Act, the values for the exemption threshold keep pace with the CPI-W (Regulation M Adjustment Calculation Rule).<sup>9</sup> The Regulation M Adjustment Calculation Rule memorialized the policy that, if there is no annual percentage increase in the CPI-W, the Agencies will not adjust the exemption threshold from the prior year. The Regulation M Adjustment Calculation Rule also provided that, in years following a year in which the exemption threshold was not adjusted because there was a decrease in the CPI-W from the previous year, the threshold is

motor vehicle dealer that is predominantly engaged in the sale and servicing of motor vehicles, the leasing and servicing of motor vehicles, or both." 12 U.S.C. 5519(a). Section 1029(b) of the Dodd-Frank Act provides that "[s]ubsection (a) shall not apply to any person, to the extent that such person—(1) provides consumers with any services related to residential or commercial mortgages or self-financing transactions involving real property; (2) operates a line of business—(A) that involves the extension of retail credit or retail leases involving motor vehicles; and (B) in which—(i) the extension of retail credit or retail leases are provided directly to consumers; and (ii) the contract governing such extension of retail credit or retail leases is not routinely assigned to an unaffiliated third party finance or leasing source; or (3) offers or provides a consumer financial product or service not involving or related to the sale, financing, leasing, rental, repair, refurbishment, maintenance, or other servicing of motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts, or any related or ancillary product or service." 12 U.S.C. 5519(b).

<sup>7</sup> 12 CFR 213.2(e)(1) (Board) and 12 CFR 1013.2(e)(1) (Bureau).

<sup>8</sup> See comments 2(e)–9 in Supplements I of 12 CFR parts 213 and 1013.

<sup>9</sup> See 81 FR 86256 (Nov. 30, 2016).

calculated by applying the annual percentage change in the CPI-W to the dollar amount that would have resulted, after rounding, if the decreases and any subsequent increases in the CPI-W had been taken into account. If the resulting amount calculated, after rounding, is greater than the current threshold, then the threshold effective January 1 the following year will increase accordingly; if the resulting amount calculated, after rounding, is equal to or less than the current threshold, then the threshold effective January 1 the following year will not change, but future increases will be calculated based on the amount that would have resulted, after rounding.

### II. 2024 Adjustment and Commentary Revision

Effective January 1, 2024, the exemption threshold amount is increased from \$66,400 to \$69,500. This amount is based on the CPI-W in effect on June 1, 2023, which was reported on May 10, 2023 (based on April 2023 data).<sup>10</sup> The CPI-W is a subset of the CPI-U index (based on all urban consumers) and represents approximately 30 percent of the U.S. population. The CPI-W reported on May 10, 2023, reflects a 4.6 percent increase in the CPI-W from April 2022 to April 2023. Accordingly, the 4.6 percent increase in the CPI-W from April 2022 to April 2023 results in an exemption threshold amount of \$69,500, after rounding. The Agencies are revising the commentaries to their respective regulations to add new comment 2(e)–11.xv to state that, from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, the threshold amount is \$69,500. These revisions are effective January 1, 2024.

### III. Regulatory Analysis

#### *Administrative Procedure Act*

Under the Administrative Procedure Act, notice and opportunity for public comment are not required if the Agencies find that notice and public comment are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.<sup>11</sup> The amendments in this rule are technical and apply the method previously set forth in the Board Final Threshold Rules and the Regulation M Adjustment Calculation Rule. For these reasons, the Agencies have determined

<sup>10</sup> The Bureau of Labor Statistics calculates consumer-based indices for each month but does not report those indices until the middle of the following month. As such, the most recently reported indices as of June 1, 2023, were reported on May 10, 2023, and reflect economic conditions in April 2023.

<sup>11</sup> 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B).

that publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking and providing opportunity for public comment are unnecessary. Therefore, the amendments are adopted in final form.

#### *Regulatory Flexibility Act*

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) does not apply to a rulemaking where a general notice of proposed rulemaking is not required.<sup>12</sup> As noted previously, the Agencies have determined that it is unnecessary to publish a general notice of proposed rulemaking for this joint final rule. Accordingly, the RFA's requirements relating to an initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis do not apply.

#### *Paperwork Reduction Act*

The information collections contained in Regulation Z which implements TILA are approved by OMB under Control number 3170-0006. The current approval for this control number expires on October 31, 2025. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,<sup>13</sup> the Agencies reviewed this final rule. The Agencies have determined that this rule does not create any new information collections or substantially revise any existing collections.

#### *Bureau Congressional Review Act Statement*

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*), the Bureau will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to the rule taking effect. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has designated this rule as not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

#### **List of Subjects**

##### *12 CFR Part 213*

Advertising, Consumer leasing, Consumer protection, Federal Reserve System, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

##### *12 CFR Part 1013*

Administrative practice and procedure, Advertising, Consumer protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Truth in lending.

#### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**

#### **Authority and Issuance**

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Board amends Regulation M, 12 CFR part 213, as set forth below:

#### **PART 213—CONSUMER LEASING (REGULATION M)**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 213 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 1604 and 1667f; Pub. L. 111-203 section 1100E, 124 Stat. 1376.

■ 2. In Supplement I to Part 213, under *Section 213.2—Definitions*, revise *2(e) Consumer Lease*, as follows:

#### *Supplement I to Part 213—Official Staff Interpretations*

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#### *Section 213.2—Definitions*

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##### *2(e) Consumer Lease.*

1. *Primary purposes.* A lessor must determine in each case if the leased property will be used primarily for personal, family, or household purposes. If a question exists as to the primary purpose for a lease, the fact that a lessor gives disclosures is not controlling on the question of whether the transaction is covered. The primary purpose of a lease is determined before or at consummation and a lessor need not provide Regulation M disclosures where there is a subsequent change in the primary use.

2. *Period of time.* To be a consumer lease, the initial term of the lease must be more than four months. Thus, a lease of personal property for four months, three months or on a month-to-month or week-to-week basis (even though the lease actually extends beyond four months) is not a consumer lease and is not subject to the disclosure requirements of the regulation. However, a lease that imposes a penalty for not continuing the lease beyond four months is considered to have a term of more than four months. To illustrate:

i. A three-month lease extended on a month-to-month basis and terminated after one year is not subject to the regulation.

ii. A month-to-month lease with a penalty, such as the forfeiture of a security deposit for terminating before one year, is subject to the regulation.

3. *Total contractual obligation.* The total contractual obligation is not necessarily the same as the total of payments disclosed under § 213.4(e). The total contractual obligation includes nonrefundable amounts a lessee is contractually obligated to pay to the lessor, but excludes items such as:

i. Residual value amounts or purchase-option prices;

ii. Amounts collected by the lessor but paid to a third party, such as taxes, licenses, and registration fees.

4. *Credit sale.* The regulation does not cover a lease that meets the definition

of a credit sale in Regulation Z, 12 CFR 226.2(a)(16), which is defined, in part, as a bailment or lease (unless terminable without penalty at any time by the consumer) under which the consumer:

i. Agrees to pay as compensation for use a sum substantially equivalent to, or in excess of, the total value of the property and services involved; and

ii. Will become (or has the option to become), for no additional consideration or for nominal consideration, the owner of the property upon compliance with the agreement.

5. *Agricultural purpose.* Agricultural purpose means a purpose related to the production, harvest, exhibition, marketing, transportation, processing, or manufacture of agricultural products by a natural person who cultivates, plants, propagates, or nurtures those agricultural products, including but not limited to the acquisition of personal property and services used primarily in farming. Agricultural products include horticultural, viticultural, and dairy products, livestock, wildlife, poultry, bees, forest products, fish and shellfish, and any products thereof, including processed and manufactured products, and any and all products raised or produced on farms and any processed or manufactured products thereof.

6. *Organization or other entity.* A consumer lease does not include a lease made to an organization such as a corporation or a government agency or instrumentality. Such a lease is not covered by the regulation even if the leased property is used (by an employee, for example) primarily for personal, family or household purposes, or is guaranteed by or subsequently assigned to a natural person.

7. *Leases of personal property incidental to a service.* The following leases of personal property are deemed incidental to a service and thus are not subject to the regulation:

i. Home entertainment systems requiring the consumer to lease equipment that enables a television to receive the transmitted programming.

ii. Security alarm systems requiring the installation of leased equipment intended to monitor unlawful entries into a home and in some cases to provide fire protection.

iii. Propane gas service where the consumer must lease a propane tank to receive the service.

8. *Safe deposit boxes.* The lease of a safe deposit box is not a consumer lease under § 213.2(e).

9. *Threshold amount.* A consumer lease is exempt from the requirements of this part if the total contractual obligation exceeds the threshold amount in effect at the time of consummation.

<sup>12</sup> 5 U.S.C. 603(a) and 604(a).

<sup>13</sup> 44 U.S.C. 3506; 5 CFR part 1320.

The threshold amount in effect during a particular time period is the amount stated in comment 2(e)–11 for that period. The threshold amount is adjusted effective January 1 of each year by any annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI–W) that was in effect on the preceding June 1. Comment 2(e)–11 will be amended to provide the threshold amount for the upcoming year after the annual percentage change in the CPI–W that was in effect on June 1 becomes available. Any increase in the threshold amount will be rounded to the nearest \$100 increment. For example, if the annual percentage increase in the CPI–W would result in a \$950 increase in the threshold amount, the threshold amount will be increased by \$1,000. However, if the annual percentage increase in the CPI–W would result in a \$949 increase in the threshold amount, the threshold amount will be increased by \$900. If a consumer lease is exempt from the requirements of this part because the total contractual obligation exceeds the threshold amount in effect at the time of consummation, the lease remains exempt regardless of a subsequent increase in the threshold amount.

10. *No increase in the CPI–W.* If the CPI–W in effect on June 1 does not increase from the CPI–W in effect on June 1 of the previous year, the threshold amount effective the following January 1 through December 31 will not change from the previous year. When this occurs, for the years that follow, the threshold is calculated based on the annual percentage change in the CPI–W applied to the dollar amount that would have resulted, after rounding, if decreases and any subsequent increases in the CPI–W had been taken into account.

i. *Net increases.* If the resulting amount calculated, after rounding, is greater than the current threshold, then the threshold effective January 1 the following year will increase accordingly.

ii. *Net decreases.* If the resulting amount calculated, after rounding, is equal to or less than the current threshold, then the threshold effective January 1 the following year will not change, but future increases will be calculated based on the amount that would have resulted.

11. *Threshold.* For purposes of § 213.2(e)(1), the threshold amount in effect during a particular period is the amount stated below for that period.

i. Prior to July 21, 2011, the threshold amount is \$25,000.

- ii. From July 21, 2011, through December 31, 2011, the threshold amount is \$50,000.
- iii. From January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, the threshold amount is \$51,800.
- iv. From January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013, the threshold amount is \$53,000.
- v. From January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014, the threshold amount is \$53,500.
- vi. From January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, the threshold amount is \$54,600.
- vii. From January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, the threshold amount is \$54,600.
- viii. From January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, the threshold amount is \$54,600.
- ix. From January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, the threshold amount is \$55,800.
- x. From January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, the threshold amount is \$57,200.
- xi. From January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, the threshold amount is \$58,300.
- xii. From January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, the threshold amount is \$58,300.
- xiii. From January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, the threshold amount is \$61,000.
- xiv. From January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, the threshold amount is \$66,400.
- xv. From January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, the threshold amount is \$69,500.

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**CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU**

**Authority and Issuance**

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Bureau amends Regulation M, 12 CFR part 1013, as set forth below:

**PART 1013—CONSUMER LEASING (REGULATION M)**

■ 3. The authority citation for part 1013 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 1604 and 1667f; Pub. L. 111–203 sec. 1100E, 124 Stat. 1376.

■ 4. In Supplement I to part 1013, under *Section 1013.2—Definitions*, revise 2(e)—*Consumer Lease* to read as follows:

**Supplement I to Part 1013—Official Interpretations**

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*Section 1013.2—Definitions*

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*2(e) Consumer Lease*

1. *Primary purposes.* A lessor must determine in each case if the leased property will be used primarily for personal, family, or household purposes. If a question exists as to the primary purpose for a lease, the fact that a lessor gives disclosures is not controlling on the question of whether the transaction is covered. The primary purpose of a lease is determined before or at consummation and a lessor need not provide Regulation M disclosures where there is a subsequent change in the primary use.

2. *Period of time.* To be a consumer lease, the initial term of the lease must be more than four months. Thus, a lease of personal property for four months, three months or on a month-to-month or week-to-week basis (even though the lease actually extends beyond four months) is not a consumer lease and is not subject to the disclosure requirements of the regulation.

However, a lease that imposes a penalty for not continuing the lease beyond four months is considered to have a term of more than four months. To illustrate:

i. A three-month lease extended on a month-to-month basis and terminated after one year is not subject to the regulation.

ii. A month-to-month lease with a penalty, such as the forfeiture of a security deposit for terminating before one year, is subject to the regulation.

3. *Total contractual obligation.* The total contractual obligation is not necessarily the same as the total of payments disclosed under § 1013.4(e). The total contractual obligation includes nonrefundable amounts a lessee is contractually obligated to pay to the lessor, but excludes items such as:

- i. Residual value amounts or purchase-option prices;
- ii. Amounts collected by the lessor but paid to a third party, such as taxes, licenses, and registration fees.

4. *Credit sale.* The regulation does not cover a lease that meets the definition of a credit sale in Regulation Z, 12 CFR 226.2(a)(16), which is defined, in part, as a bailment or lease (unless terminable without penalty at any time by the consumer) under which the consumer:

- i. Agrees to pay as compensation for use a sum substantially equivalent to, or in excess of, the total value of the property and services involved; and
- ii. Will become (or has the option to become), for no additional consideration or for nominal consideration, the owner of the property upon compliance with the agreement.

5. *Agricultural purpose.* Agricultural purpose means a purpose related to the production, harvest, exhibition, marketing, transportation, processing, or manufacture of agricultural products by a natural person who cultivates, plants, propagates, or nurtures those agricultural products, including but not limited to the acquisition of personal property and services used primarily in farming. Agricultural products include horticultural, viticultural, and dairy products, livestock, wildlife, poultry, bees, forest products, fish and shellfish, and any products thereof, including processed and manufactured products, and any and all products raised or produced on farms and any processed or manufactured products thereof.

6. *Organization or other entity.* A consumer lease does not include a lease made to an organization such as a corporation or a government agency or instrumentality. Such a lease is not covered by the regulation even if the leased property is used (by an employee, for example) primarily for personal, family or household purposes, or is guaranteed by or subsequently assigned to a natural person.

7. *Leases of personal property incidental to a service.* The following leases of personal property are deemed incidental to a service and thus are not subject to the regulation:

- i. Home entertainment systems requiring the consumer to lease equipment that enables a television to receive the transmitted programming.
- ii. Security alarm systems requiring the installation of leased equipment intended to monitor unlawful entries into a home and in some cases to provide fire protection.
- iii. Propane gas service where the consumer must lease a propane tank to receive the service.

8. *Safe deposit boxes.* The lease of a safe deposit box is not a consumer lease under § 1013.2(e).

9. *Threshold amount.* A consumer lease is exempt from the requirements of this part if the total contractual obligation exceeds the threshold amount in effect at the time of consummation. The threshold amount in effect during a particular time period is the amount stated in comment 2(e)-11 for that period. The threshold amount is adjusted effective January 1 of each year by any annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) that was in effect on the preceding June 1. Comment 2(e)-11 will be amended to provide the threshold amount for the upcoming year after the annual percentage change in the CPI-W that was in effect on June 1 becomes

available. Any increase in the threshold amount will be rounded to the nearest \$100 increment. For example, if the annual percentage increase in the CPI-W would result in a \$950 increase in the threshold amount, the threshold amount will be increased by \$1,000. However, if the annual percentage increase in the CPI-W would result in a \$949 increase in the threshold amount, the threshold amount will be increased by \$900. If a consumer lease is exempt from the requirements of this part because the total contractual obligation exceeds the threshold amount in effect at the time of consummation, the lease remains exempt regardless of a subsequent increase in the threshold amount.

10. *No increase in the CPI-W.* If the CPI-W in effect on June 1 does not increase from the CPI-W in effect on June 1 of the previous year, the threshold amount effective the following January 1 through December 31 will not change from the previous year. When this occurs, for the years that follow, the threshold is calculated based on the annual percentage change in the CPI-W applied to the dollar amount that would have resulted, after rounding, if decreases and any subsequent increases in the CPI-W had been taken into account.

i. *Net increases.* If the resulting amount calculated, after rounding, is greater than the current threshold, then the threshold effective January 1 the following year will increase accordingly.

ii. *Net decreases.* If the resulting amount calculated, after rounding, is equal to or less than the current threshold, then the threshold effective January 1 the following year will not change, but future increases will be calculated based on the amount that would have resulted.

11. *Threshold.* For purposes of § 1013.2(e)(1), the threshold amount in effect during a particular period is the amount stated below for that period.

i. Prior to July 21, 2011, the threshold amount is \$25,000.

ii. From July 21, 2011, through December 31, 2011, the threshold amount is \$50,000.

iii. From January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, the threshold amount is \$51,800.

iv. From January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013, the threshold amount is \$53,000.

v. From January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014, the threshold amount is \$53,500.

vi. From January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, the threshold amount is \$54,600.

vii. From January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, the threshold amount is \$54,600.

viii. From January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, the threshold amount is \$54,600.

ix. From January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, the threshold amount is \$55,800.

x. From January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, the threshold amount is \$57,200.

xi. From January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, the threshold amount is \$58,300.

xii. From January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, the threshold amount is \$58,300.

xiii. From January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, the threshold amount is \$61,000.

xiv. From January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, the threshold amount is \$66,400.

xv. From January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, the threshold amount is \$69,500.

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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.

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### 12 CFR Part 226

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## CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

### 12 CFR Part 1026

#### Truth in Lending (Regulation Z)

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau).

**ACTION:** Final rules, official interpretations, and commentary.

**SUMMARY:** The Board and the Bureau (collectively, the Agencies) are publishing final rules amending the official interpretations and commentary for the Agencies' regulations that implement the Truth in Lending Act (TILA). The Dodd-Frank Wall Street