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FCA Board Adopts Final Rule to Amend Language in Assessment Regulation

McLEAN, Va., Oct. 12, 2017 — At its monthly meeting today, the Farm Credit Administration board approved a direct final rule to amend regulation § 607.2(b)(1)-(4). The purpose of this rule is to eliminate obsolete, unnecessary, and confusing references in the definition of risk-adjusted assets.

FCA uses risk-adjusted assets to calculate the assessment it imposes annually on each Farm Credit System bank, association, and designated entity. These assessments are used to fund the agency's annual expenses.

Because these amendments are technical in nature and have no substantive effect and no impact on prior board actions, FCA is issuing this rule as a direct final rule. If no significant adverse comment is received within 30 days after publication in the Federal Register during which either body of Congress is in session, this rule will take immediate effect. Notice of the effective date will be published in the Federal Register.

Reports

During the closed session of the meeting, the board received a quarterly report from the Office of Secondary Market Oversight and a cybersecurity update from the Office of Information Technology.

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The Farm Credit Administration is the safety and soundness regulator of the Farm Credit System. The System consists of two government-sponsored enterprises — a nationwide network of cooperative banks and associations established in 1916, and a secondary market entity known as the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac) that was established in 1988. The System's borrower-owned banks and associations provide credit to farmers, ranchers, residents of rural communities, agricultural and rural utility cooperatives, and other eligible and creditworthy borrowers. Farmer Mac provides a secondary market for agricultural real estate loans, rural housing mortgage loans, and certain rural utility loans. Members of the FCA board are Dallas P. Tonsager, board chairman and CEO, and Jeffery S. Hall.

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