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§ 20.1 Establishment of the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

There is established in the Office of the Secretary the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

§ 20.3 Location, organization, and officer qualifications.

(a) *Mailing address.* The Office of Hearings and Appeals is located at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room B-133, Washington, DC 20410.

(b) *Location.* For deliveries, the Office of Hearings and Appeals is physically located at 409 Third Street, SW., Suite 201, Washington, DC 20024. The telephone number of the Office of Hearings and Appeals is 202-254-0000. Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339. The facsimile number is 202-619-7304.

(c) *Organization.* The Office of Hearings and Appeals consists of two divisions: the Office of Administrative Law Judges and the Office of Appeals. Its administrative activities are supervised by the Director of the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

(d) *Officer qualifications.* The Director, Administrative Judges, and Administrative Law Judges of the Office of Hearings and Appeals shall be attorneys at law duly licensed by any state, commonwealth, territory, or the District of Columbia.

[72 FR 53878, Sept. 20, 2007, as amended at 74 FR 4635, Jan. 26, 2009]

§ 20.5 Jurisdiction of Office of Appeals.

The Office of Appeals shall, consistent with statute and regulation, have jurisdiction over matters assigned to it by the Secretary or designee. Determinations shall have the finality provided by the applicable statute, regulation, or agreement.

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PART 24—GOVERNMENTWIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT)

AUTHORITY: 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

§ 24.1 Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement).

The policies, procedures, and requirements for debarment, suspension, and limited denial of participation are set forth in 2 CFR part 2424.

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PART 25—MORTGAGEE REVIEW BOARD

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AUTHORITY: 12 U.S.C. 1708(c), 1708(d), 1709(s), 1715b and 1735(f)-14; 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

SOURCE: 57 FR 31051, July 13, 1992, unless otherwise noted.

§ 25.1 Scope of rules in this part.

The rules in this part are applicable to the operation of the Mortgagee Review Board and to proceedings arising from administrative actions of the Mortgagee Review Board.

§ 25.2 Establishment and authority of Board.

(a) *Establishment of the Board.* The Mortgagee Review Board (Board) was established in the Federal Housing Administration, which is in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, by section 202(c)(1) of the National Housing

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Act (12 U.S.C. 1708(c)(1)), as added by section 142 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (Pub. L. 101-235, approved December 15, 1989).

(b) *Authority of the Board.* The Board has the authority to initiate administrative actions against mortgagees and lenders under 12 U.S.C. 1708(c) and shall exercise all of the functions of the Secretary with respect to administrative actions against mortgagees and lenders and such other functions as are provided in this part. The Board shall have all powers necessary and incident to the performance of these functions and such other functions as are provided in this part, except as limited by this part.

(1) *Administrative Actions.* The Board has the authority to take any administrative action against mortgagees and lenders as provided in 12 U.S.C. 1708(c). The Board may delegate its authority to take all nondiscretionary acts.

(2) *Civil Money Penalties.* The Board is authorized pursuant to section 536 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1735(f)-14) to impose civil money penalties upon mortgagees and lenders, as set forth in 24 CFR part 30. The violations for which a civil money penalty may be imposed are listed in subpart B (Violations) of 24 CFR part 30. Hearings to challenge the imposition of civil money penalties shall be conducted according to the applicable rules of 24 CFR part 30.

(3) *Authorization for other administrative actions.* The Board may, in its discretion, approve the initiation of a suspension or debarment action against a mortgagee or lender by any Suspending or Debarring Official under 24 CFR part 24.

[73 FR 60540, Oct. 10, 2008]

§ 25.3 Definitions.

Adequate evidence. Information sufficient to support the reasonable belief that a particular act or omission has occurred.

Board. The Mortgagee Review Board.

Lender. A financial institution as defined in paragraphs (a) and (b) of the definition of lender in § 202.2 of this title.

Mortgagee. For purposes of this part, the term "mortgagee" includes:

(1) The original lender under the mortgage, as that term is defined at sections 201(a) and 207(a)(1) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1707(a), 1713(a)(1));

(2) A lender, as defined in this section;

(3) A branch office or subsidiary of the mortgagee or lender; or

(4) Successors and assigns of the mortgagee or lender, as are approved by the Commissioner.

Person. Any individual, corporation, partnership, association, unit of government or legal entity, however organized.

Secretary. The Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development or a person designated by the Secretary.

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§ 25.4 Operation of the Mortgagee Review Board.

(a) *Members.* The Board consists of the following HUD officials designated to serve on the Board by section 202(c)(2) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1708(c)(2)):

(1) The Assistant Secretary of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner;

(2) The General Counsel of the Department;

(3) The President of the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA);

(4) The Assistant Secretary for Administration;

(5) The Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (in cases involving violations of non-discrimination requirements);

(6) The Chief Financial Officer of the Department; and

(7) The Director of the Enforcement Center; or their designees.

(b) *Advisors.* The Inspector General or his or her designee, and the Director of the Office of Lender Activities and Program Compliance (or such other position as may be assigned such duties), and such other persons as the Board may appoint, shall serve as nonvoting advisors to the Board.