

be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

(Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(c) [title VII, § 706], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-121, 3009-179.)

**§ 290o-5. Jurisdiction and venue of civil actions by or against Bank**

**(a) Jurisdiction**

The United States district courts shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction of any civil action brought in the United States by or against the Bank.

**(b) Venue**

For purposes of section 1391(b) of title 28, the Bank shall be deemed to be a resident of the judicial district in which the principal office of the Bank in the United States, or its agent appointed for the purpose of accepting service or notice of service, is located.

(Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(c) [title VII, § 707], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-121, 3009-180.)

**§ 290o-6. Effectiveness of Agreement**

The Agreement shall have full force and effect in the United States, its territories and possessions, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, upon acceptance of membership by the United States in the Bank and the entry into force of the Agreement.

(Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(c) [title VII, § 708], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-121, 3009-180.)

**§ 290o-7. Exemption from securities laws for certain securities issued by Bank; reports required**

**(a) Exemption from securities laws; reports to Securities and Exchange Commission**

Any securities issued by the Bank (including any guaranty by the Bank, whether or not limited in scope) in connection with borrowing of funds, or the guarantee of securities as to both principal and interest, shall be deemed to be exempted securities within the meaning of section 77c(a)(2) of title 15 and section 78c(a)(12) of title 15. The Bank shall file with the Securities and Exchange Commission such annual and other reports with regard to such securities as the Commission shall determine to be appropriate in view of the special character of the Bank and its operations and necessary in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

**(b) Authority of Securities and Exchange Commission to suspend exemption; reports to Congress**

The Securities and Exchange Commission, acting in consultation with such agency or officer as the President shall designate, may suspend the provisions of subsection (a) of this section at any time as to any or all securities issued or guaranteed by the Bank during the period of such suspension. The Commission shall include in its annual reports to the Congress such information as it shall deem advisable with regard to the operations and effect of this section.

(Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(c) [title VII, § 709], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-121, 3009-180.)

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**CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This chapter is referred to in sections 2701, 2703, 4304 of this title; title 7 section 1765d; title 40 sections 474, 511.

**§ 291. Lease of buildings, etc., for offices, living quarters, heat, light, and equipment**

The Secretary of State may lease or rent, for periods not exceeding ten years, such buildings and grounds for the use of the Foreign Service as may be necessary; and he may, in accordance