

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

12 CFR Part 4  
[Docket No. 97-6  
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Part 208  
[Regulation H Docket No. X-XXXX]

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

12 CFR Part 337  
RIN 3064-AB90

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
Office of Thrift Supervision

12 CFR Part 563  
[Docket No. 96-XXX]

RIN 1550-AB02

Expanded Examination Cycle For Certain  
Small Insured Institutions

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**AGENCIES:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System,  
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Deposit  
Insurance Corporation, and Office of Thrift Supervision.

**ACTION:** Interim rule with request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) (collectively the Agencies) are issuing this joint interim rule with request for comment to implement Section 306 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 (CDRI), and Section 2221 of the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 (EGRPRA). CDRI Section 306 and EGRPRA Section 2221 authorize the Agencies to increase the asset size of certain financial institutions that may be examined once in every 18-month period, rather than once in every 12-month period, from the current limit of \$100 million to an amount of \$250 million. The Agencies are currently required to conduct a full-scope, on-site examination of each insured depository institution no less than once in every 12-month period, but may examine certain well-capitalized, well-managed, small institutions once in every 18-month period. To be eligible for an 18-month examination cycle, an institution whose composite condition was found to be satisfactory at its most recent examination must have total assets of \$100 million or less. CDRI Section 306 authorizes the Agencies, at any time after two years from its enactment (September 23, 1994), to increase the asset size limitation for such institutions from \$100 million up to \$175 million, provided such increase would be

consistent with the principles of safety and soundness for insured depository institutions. EGRPRA Section 2221 further authorizes the Agencies to increase the asset limitation to \$250 million.

**DATES:** This interim rule is effective on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. Comments must be received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be directed to:

OCC: Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20219, Attention: Docket No. 96 - []. Comments will be available for public inspection and photocopying at the same location. Comments may also be sent by facsimile transmission to 202-874-5274 or by electronic mail to REG.COMMENTS@OCC.TREAS.GOV.

Board: William W. Wiles, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551, Attention: Docket No. X-XXXX, or delivered to Room B-2222 of the Eccles Building between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Comments may be inspected in Room MP-500 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays, except as provided in § 261.8 of the Board's rules regarding availability of information, 12 CFR 261.8.

FDIC: Jerry L. Langley, Executive Secretary, Federal

Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429. Comments may be hand delivered to room F-402, 1776 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. on business days between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Comments may be sent through facsimile to (202)898-3838 or by Internet to comments@fdic.gov. Comments will be available for inspection at the FDIC Public Information Center, Room 100, 801 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. on business days between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

OTS: Manager, Dissemination Branch, Records Management and Information Policy, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, Attention Docket No. 96-xx. These submissions may be hand-delivered to 1700 G Street, N.W., from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on business days; they may be sent by facsimile transmission to FAX Number (202)906-7755. Comments will be available for inspection at 1700 G Street, N.W., from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on business days.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

OCC: Lawrence W. Morris, National Bank Examiner, Examination Process (202)874-4915; Ronald Schneck, Director, Special Supervision, (202)874-4450; or Daniel Cooke, Attorney, Legislative and Regulatory Activities, (202)874-5090. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219.

Board: Jack P. Jennings, II, Assistant Director, (202) 452-3053, William H. Tiernay, Senior Financial Analyst, (202) 872-

**ATTACHMENT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

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