

“(1) ensure that Farm Credit System institutions exercise forbearance in the collection of principal and interest on loans outstanding to such farmers and ranchers;

“(2) expedite the use of credit restructuring and other credit relief mechanisms authorized under the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 [Pub. L. 100-233, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1568, see Tables for classification] and related provisions of law for such farmers and ranchers; and

“(3) encourage other lenders participating with Farm Credit System institutions in mutual loan agreements to exercise forbearance before declaring loans to such farmers and ranchers in default.”

§ 2253. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-334, title V, § 5411(30), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4682

Section, Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.18, as added Pub. L. 99-205, title II, § 202(b), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1693, related to continued effectiveness of certain delegations made by the Farm Credit Administration through twelve months after Dec. 23, 1985.

A prior section 2253, Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.19, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 622, related to delegation of duties and powers to financial institutions, prior to repeal, effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, by Pub. L. 99-205, title II, § 202(a), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1693.

A prior section 5.18 of Pub. L. 92-181 was renumbered section 5.17 and is classified to section 2252 of this title.

§ 2254. Examinations

(a) Scope and frequency of examinations; power, authority, and liability of examiners

Each institution of the System shall be examined by Farm Credit Administration examiners at such times as the Board may determine, but in no event less than once during each 18-month period. Such examinations may include, if appropriate, but are not limited to, an analysis of credit and collateral quality and capitalization of the institution, and appraisals of the effectiveness of the institution's management and application of policies governing the carrying out of this chapter and regulations of the Farm Credit Administration and servicing all eligible borrowers. Examination of banks shall include an analysis of the compensation paid to the chief executive officer and the salary scales of the employees of the bank. At the direction of the Board, Farm Credit Administration examiners also shall make examinations of the condition of any organization, other than federally regulated financial institutions, to, for, or with which any institution of the System contemplates making a loan or discounting paper. For the purposes of this chapter, examiners of the Farm Credit Administration shall be subject to the same requirements, responsibilities, and penalties as are applicable to examiners under the National Bank Act [12 U.S.C. 21 et seq.], the Federal Reserve Act [12 U.S.C. 221 et seq.], and Federal Deposit Insurance Act [12 U.S.C. 1811 et seq.], and other provisions of law and shall have the same powers and privileges as are vested in such examiners by law.

(b) Annual report of condition

Each institution of the System shall make and publish an annual report of condition as prescribed by the Farm Credit Administration. Each such report shall contain financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and contain such

additional information as the Farm Credit Administration by regulation may require. Such financial statements of System institutions shall be audited by an independent public accountant.

(c) Report of examination of noncomplying institution; publication; notice of intention

The Farm Credit Administration may publish the report of examination of any System institution that does not, before the end of the 120th day after the date of notification of the recommendations and suggestions of the Farm Credit Administration, based on such examination, comply with such recommendations and suggestions to the satisfaction of the Farm Credit Administration. The Farm Credit Administration shall give notice of intention to publish in the event of such noncompliance at least 90 days before such publication. Such notice of intention may be given any time after such notification of recommendations and suggestions.

(d) Duties of Farm Credit Administration

On receipt of a request made under section 2277a-8(b)(1)(B) of this title with respect to a System institution, the Farm Credit Administration shall—

(1) furnish for the confidential use of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation reports of examination of the institution and other reports or information on the institution; and

(2)(A) examine, or obtain other information on, the institution and furnish for the confidential use of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation the report of the examination and such other information; or

(B) if the Farm Credit Administration Board determines that compliance with the request would substantially impair the ability of the Farm Credit Administration to carry out the other duties and responsibilities of the Farm Credit Administration under this chapter, notify the Board of Directors of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation that the Farm Credit Administration will be unable to comply with the request.

(e) Sharing of privileged and confidential information

A System institution shall not be considered to have waived the confidentiality of a privileged communication with an attorney or an accountant if the System institution provides the content of the communication to the Farm Credit Administration pursuant to the supervisory or regulatory authorities of the Farm Credit Administration.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.19, formerly § 5.20, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 623; renumbered § 5.19 and amended Pub. L. 99-205, title II, § 203(a), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1693; Pub. L. 99-509, title I, § 1037, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1878; Pub. L. 100-233, title II, § 205(b), title IV, § 432(b), Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1607, 1661; Pub. L. 100-399, title II, § 204, title IV, § 416(c), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 993, 1004; Pub. L. 101-624, title XVIII, § 1843(b), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3836; Pub. L. 102-552, title V, §§ 512, 513(b), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4133, 4134; Pub. L. 104-105, title II, § 213, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 175; Pub. L. 115-334, title V, §§ 5404, 5411(31), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4676, 4682.)