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opinion should be the exception rather than the norm.

(c) "Serious and persistent record-keeping deficiencies." A record-keeping deficiency is "serious" if the NCUA Board reasonably believes that the board of directors and management of the credit union have not timely met financial reporting objectives and established practices and procedures sufficient to safeguard members' assets. A serious recordkeeping deficiency is "persistent" when it continues beyond a usual, expected or reasonable period of time.

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§ 716.1 Purpose and scope.

- (a) *Purpose*. This part governs the treatment of nonpublic personal information about consumers by the credit unions listed in paragraph (b) of this section. This part:
- (1) Requires a credit union to provide notice to members about its privacy policies and practices;
- (2) Describes the conditions under which a credit union may disclose nonpublic personal information about consumers to nonaffiliated third parties; and
- (3) Provides a method for consumers to prevent a credit union from disclosing that information to most non-affiliated third parties by "opting out" of that disclosure, subject to the exceptions in §§ 716.13, 716.14, and 716.15.
- (b) Scope. (1) This part applies only to nonpublic personal information about individuals who obtain financial products or services for personal, family or household purposes. This part does not apply to information about companies or about individuals who obtain financial products or services for business, commercial or agricultural purposes. This part applies to federally-insured credit unions. This part refers to a federally-insured credit union as "you" or "the credit union."
- (2) Nothing in this part modifies, limits, or supersedes the standards governing individually identifiable financial information promulgated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under the authority of §§ 262 and 264 of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 1320d–1320d–8).

§716.2 Rule of construction.

The examples in this part and the sample clauses in appendix A of this part are not exclusive. Compliance with an example or use of a sample clause, to the extent applicable, constitutes compliance with this part.