

Agency may release the withdrawing individual from liability, provided:

- (1) The remaining individual submits a complete application in accordance with this section;
- (2) Both parties have agreed in a divorce decree or property settlement that only the remaining individual will be responsible for all FLP loan payments;
- (3) The withdrawing individual has conveyed all ownership interest in the security to the remaining individual; and
- (4) The withdrawing individual does not have repayment ability and does not own any non-essential assets.

**§ 766.103 Borrower does not respond or does not submit a complete application.**

(a) If a borrower, who is financially distressed or current, requested loan servicing and received FSA-2512, but fails to respond timely and subsequently becomes 90 days past due, the Agency will notify the borrower in accordance with § 766.101(a)(2).

(b) If a borrower who is 90 days past due and received FSA-2510, or is in non-monetary, or both monetary and non-monetary default and received FSA-2514, and fails to timely respond or does not submit a complete application within the 60-day timeframe, the Agency will notify the borrower by certified mail of the following:

- (1) The Agency's intent to accelerate the loan; and
- (2) The borrower's right to request reconsideration, mediation and appeal in accordance with 7 CFR parts 11 and 780.

**§ 766.104 Borrower eligibility requirements.**

(a) A borrower must meet the following eligibility requirements to be considered for primary loan servicing:

- (1) The delinquency or financial distress is the result of reduced repayment ability due to one of the following circumstances beyond the borrower's control:
  - (i) Illness, injury, or death of a borrower or other individual who operates the farm;
  - (ii) Natural disaster, adverse weather, disease, or insect damage which

caused severe loss of agricultural production;

- (iii) Widespread economic conditions such as low commodity prices;
- (iv) Damage or destruction of property essential to the farming operation; or
- (v) Loss of, or reduction in, the borrower or spouse's essential non-farm income.

(2) The borrower does not have non-essential assets for which the net recovery value is sufficient to resolve the financial distress or pay the delinquent portion of the loan.

(3) If the borrower is in non-monetary default, the borrower will resolve the non-monetary default prior to closing the servicing action.

(4) The borrower has acted in good faith.

(5) Financially distressed or current borrowers requesting servicing must pay a portion of the interest due on the loans.

(6) The borrower must not be ineligible due to disqualification resulting from Federal crop insurance violation according to 7 CFR part 718.

(b) Debtors with SA only must:

- (1) Be delinquent due to circumstances beyond their control;
- (2) Have acted in good faith.

**§ 766.105 Agency consideration of servicing requests.**

(a) *Order in which Agency considers servicing options.* The Agency will consider loan servicing options and combinations of options to maximize loan repayment and minimize losses to the Agency. The Agency will consider loan servicing options in the following order for each eligible borrower who requests servicing:

- (1) Conservation Contract, if requested;
- (2) Consolidation and rescheduling or reamortization;
- (3) Deferral;
- (4) Writedown; and
- (5) Current market value buyout.

(b) *Debt service margin.* (1) The Agency will attempt to achieve a 110 percent debt service margin for the servicing options listed in paragraphs (a)(2) through (4) of this section.

(2) If the borrower cannot develop a feasible plan with the 110 percent debt