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APPRAISAL REGULATIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

Summary: The federal banking, thrift and credit union regulatory agencies are issuing the attached frequently asked questions and interagency statement on independent appraisal and evaluation functions. This document was developed in response to questions from financial institutions about the agencies' real estate appraisal regulations.

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Frequently Asked Questions on the Appraisal Regulations and the Interagency Statement on Independent Appraisal and Evaluation Functions

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Note:

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Highlights:

The attached document addresses common questions about the requirements of the appraisal regulations, including:

- Selecting an appraiser,
- Ordering an appraisal,
- Accepting a transferred appraisal,
- Reviewing appraisals, and
- Evaluation and other appraisal topics.

It should be reviewed in conjunction with the following interagency documents, which were issued with FIL-84-2003, dated October 28, 2003:

- *Independent Appraisal and Evaluation Functions* (2003), and
- *Interagency Appraisal and Evaluation Guidelines* (1994).

FIL-84-2003 can be found on the FDIC's Web site at <http://www.fdic.gov/news/news/financial/2003/fil0384.html>.