

(c) *Form.* The Corporation will provide to each insured depository institution a certified statement form showing the amount and computation of the institution's semiannual assessment. The president of the insured depository institution, or such other officer as the institution's board of directors or trustees may designate, shall review the information shown on the form.

(d) *Certification*—(1) *Form accepted.* If such officer agrees that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief the information shown on the certified statement form is true, correct and complete and in accordance with the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the regulations issued thereunder, the officer shall so certify.

(2) *Form amended*—(i) *In general.* If such officer determines that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief the information shown on the certified statement form is not true, correct and complete and in accordance with the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the regulations issued thereunder, the officer shall make such amendments to the information as he or she believes necessary. The officer shall certify that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief the information shown on the form, as so amended, is true, correct and complete and in accordance with the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the regulations issued thereunder.

(ii) *Request for revision.* The certification and filing of an amended form under paragraph (d)(2) of this section does not constitute a request for revision by the Corporation of the information shown on the form. Any such request to the Corporation for revision of the information shown on the form shall be submitted separately from the certified statement and in accordance with the provisions of § 327.3(h).

(iii) *Rate multiplier.* The rate multiplier shown on the certified statement form shall be amended only if it is inconsistent with the assessment risk classification assigned to the institution in writing by the Corporation for the current semiannual period pursuant to § 327.4(a). Agreement with the rate multiplier shall not be deemed to constitute agreement with the assessment risk classification assigned.

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§ 327.3 Payment of semiannual assessments.

(a) *Required*—(1) *In general.* Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, each insured depository institution shall pay to the Corporation, in two quarterly payments, a semiannual assessment determined in accordance with this part 327.

(2) *Notice of designated deposit account.* For the purpose of making such payments, each insured depository institution shall designate a deposit account for direct debit by the Corporation. No later than 30 days prior to the next payment date specified in paragraphs (c)(2) and (d)(2) of this section, each institution shall provide written notice to the Corporation of the account designated, including all information and authorizations needed by the Corporation for direct debit of the account. After the initial notice of the designated account, no further notice is required unless the institution designates a different account for assessment debit by the Corporation, in which case the requirements of the preceding sentence apply.

(b) *Newly insured institutions.* A newly insured institution shall not be required to pay an assessment for the semiannual period during which it becomes an insured institution. For the semiannual period following the period during which it becomes an insured institution, it shall pay its full semiannual assessment at the time and in the manner provided for in paragraph (d) of this section, in an amount that is the product of its assessment base for the prior semiannual period, as provided for in § 327.5(c), multiplied by one-half of the annual assessment rate corresponding to the assessment risk classification assigned to the institution pursuant to § 327.4(a). For the purpose of making such payment, the institution shall provide to the Corporation no later than the payment date specified in paragraph (d)(2) of this section the notice required by paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(c) *First-quarterly payment*—(1) *Invoice.* Except in the case of invoices for the first quarterly payment for the first semiannual period of 1997, no later than 15 days prior to the payment date

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specified in paragraph (c)(2) of this section, the Corporation will provide to each insured depository institution an invoice showing the amount of the assessment payment due from the institution for the first quarter of the upcoming semiannual period, and the computation of that amount. Subject to paragraph (g) of this section and to subpart B of this part, the invoiced amount shall be the product of the following: The assessment base of the institution for the preceding September 30 (for the semiannual period beginning January 1) or March 31 (for the semiannual period beginning July 1) computed in accordance with § 327.5; multiplied by one-quarter of the annual assessment rate corresponding to the assessment risk classification assigned to the institution pursuant to § 327.4(a).

(2) *Payment date and manner.* Except as provided in paragraphs (c)(3) and (j) of this section, the Corporation will cause the amount stated in the applicable invoice to be directly debited on the appropriate regular payment date from the deposit account designated by the insured depository institution for that purpose, as follows:

(i) In the case of the first quarterly payment for a semiannual period that begins on January 1, the regular payment date is January 2; and

(ii) In the case of the first quarterly payment for a semiannual period that begins on July 1, the regular payment date is the preceding June 30.

(3) *Alternate payment date—(i) Election.* An insured depository institution may elect to pay the first quarterly payment for a semiannual period that begins on January 1 of a current year on the alternate payment date. The alternate payment date is December 30 of the prior year.

(ii) *Certification.* (A) In order to elect the alternate payment date with respect to a current semiannual period, an institution must so certify in writing in advance. In order for the election to be effective with respect to the current semiannual period, the Corporation must receive the certification no later than the prior November 1.

(B) The certification shall be made on a pre-printed form provided by the Corporation. The form shall be signed by the institution's chief financial officer

or such other officer as the institution's board of directors may designate for that purpose. The form shall be sent to the attention of the Chief of the Assessment Operations Section of the Corporation's Division of Finance. An institution may obtain the form from the Corporation's Division of Finance.

(C) The election of the alternate payment date shall be effective with respect to the semiannual period specified in the certification and thereafter, until terminated.

(iii) *Termination.* (A) An insured depository institution may terminate its election of the alternate payment date, and thereby revert to the regular payment date, by so certifying in writing to the Corporation in advance. In order for the termination to be effective for a current semiannual period, the Corporation must receive the termination certification no later than the prior November 1.

(B) The termination certification shall be made on a pre-printed form provided by the Corporation. The form shall be signed by the institution's chief financial officer or such other officer as the institution's board of directors may designate for that purpose. The form shall be sent to the attention of the Chief of the Assessment Operations Section of the Corporation's Division of Finance. An institution may obtain the form from the Corporation's Division of Finance.

(C) The termination shall be permanent, except that an institution that has terminated an election may make a new election under paragraph (c)(3)(i) of this section.

(iv) *Manner of payment.* Except as provided in paragraph (j) of this section, if an insured depository institution elects the alternate payment date, the Corporation will cause the amount stated in the applicable invoice to be directly debited on the alternate payment date from the deposit account designated by the insured depository institution for that purpose.

(d) *Second-quarterly payment—(1) Invoice.* No later than 15 days prior to the payment date specified in paragraph (d)(2) of this section, the Corporation will provide to each insured depository institution an invoice showing the amount of the assessment payment due

from the institution for the second quarter of that semiannual period, and the computation of that amount. Subject to paragraph (g) of this section and to subpart B of this part, the invoiced amount shall be the product of the following: The assessment base of the institution for the preceding December 31 (for the semiannual period beginning January 1) or June 30 (for the semiannual period beginning July 1) computed in accordance with § 327.5; multiplied by one-quarter of the annual assessment rate corresponding to the assessment risk classification assigned to the institution pursuant to § 327.4(a).

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (j) of this section, the Corporation will cause the amount stated in the applicable invoice to be directly debited on the appropriate regular payment date from the deposit account designated by the insured depository institution for that purpose, as follows:

(i) In the case of the second quarterly payment for a semiannual period that begins on January 1, the regular payment date is March 30; and

(ii) In the case of the second quarterly payment for a semiannual period that begins on July 1, the regular payment date is September 30.

(e) *Necessary action, sufficient funding by institution.* Each insured depository institution shall take all actions necessary to allow the Corporation to debit assessments from the insured depository institution's designated deposit account. Each insured depository institution shall, prior to each payment date indicated in paragraphs (c)(2), (c)(3)(i), and (d)(2) of this section, ensure that funds in an amount at least equal to the invoiced amount (or twice the invoiced amount if the insured depository institution has elected the doubled-payment option pursuant to paragraph (j) of this section) are available in the designated account for direct debit by the Corporation. Failure to take any such action or to provide such funding of the account shall be deemed to constitute nonpayment of the assessment.

(f) *Business days.* If a payment date specified in paragraph (c)(2)(i) falls on a date that is not a business day, the applicable date shall be the following business day. If a payment date speci-

fied in paragraph (c)(1), (c)(2)(ii), (c)(3)(i), or (d)(2) of this section falls on a date that is not a business day, the applicable date shall be the previous business day.

(g) *Payment adjustments in succeeding quarters.* The quarterly assessment invoices provided by the Corporation may reflect adjustments, initiated by the Corporation or an institution, resulting from such factors as amendments to prior quarterly reports of condition, retroactive revision of the institution's assessment risk classification, and revision of the Corporation's assessment computations for prior quarters.

(h) *Request for revision of computation of quarterly assessment payment—(1) In general.* An institution may submit a request for revision of the computation of the institution's quarterly assessment payment as shown on the quarterly invoice. Such revision may be requested in the following circumstances:

(i) The institution disagrees with the computation of the assessment base as stated on the invoice;

(ii) The institution determines that the rate multiplier applied by the Corporation is inconsistent with the assessment risk classification assigned to the institution in writing by the Corporation for the semiannual period for which the payment is due; or

(iii) The institution believes that the invoice does not fully or accurately reflect adjustments provided for in paragraph (g) of this section.

(2) *Inapplicability.* This paragraph (h) is not applicable to requests for review of an institution's assessment risk classification, which are covered by § 327.4(d).

(3) *Requirements.* Any such request for revision must be submitted within 60 days of the date of the quarterly assessment invoice for which revision is requested, except that requests for revision resulting from detection by the institution of an error or omission for which the institution files an amendment to its quarterly report of condition must be submitted within 60 days of the filing date of the amendment to the quarterly report of condition. The request for revision shall be submitted

to the Chief of the Assessment Operations Section and shall provide documentation sufficient to support the revision sought by the institution. If additional information is requested by the Corporation, such information shall be provided by the institution within 21 days of the date of the Corporation's request for additional information. Any institution submitting a timely request for revision will receive written response from the Corporation's Chief Financial Officer (or his or her designee) within 60 days of receipt by the Corporation of the request for revision or, if additional information has been requested by the Corporation, within 60 days of receipt of the additional information. Whenever feasible, the response will notify the institution of the determination of the Chief Financial Officer (or designee) as to whether the requested revision is warranted. In all instances in which a timely request for revision is submitted, the Chief Financial Officer (or designee) will make a determination on the request as promptly as possible and notify the institution in writing of the determination.

(i) *Assessment notice not received.* Any institution that has not received an assessment invoice for any quarterly payment by the fifteenth day of the month in which the quarterly payment is due shall promptly notify the Corporation. Failure to provide prompt notice to the Corporation shall not affect the institution's obligation to make full and timely assessment payment. Unless otherwise directed by the Corporation, the institution shall preliminarily pay the amount shown on its assessment invoice for the preceding quarter, subject to subsequent correction.

(j) *Doubled-payment option—(1) Election.* In the case of a quarterly payment to be made on March 30, on June 30, on September 30, or on the alternate payment date, an insured depository institution may elect to pay twice the amount of such quarterly payment.

(2) *Certification.* (i) In order to elect the doubled-payment option with respect to a selected payment date, an institution must so certify in writing to the Corporation in advance. In order for the election to be effective, the Cor-

poration must receive the certification by the following dates: in the case of a quarterly payment to be made on March 30, June 30, or September 30, the Corporation must receive the certification no later than the prior February 1, May 1, or August 1, respectively; in the case of a quarterly payment to be made on the alternate payment date, the Corporation must receive the certification by the prior November 1.

(ii) The certification shall be made on a pre-printed form provided by the Corporation. The form shall be signed by the institution's chief financial officer or such other officer as the institution's board of directors may designate for that purpose. The form shall be sent to the attention of the Chief of the Assessment Operations Section of the Corporation's Division of Finance. An institution may obtain the form from the Corporation's Division of Finance.

(iii) The election shall be effective with respect to the selected quarterly payment for the year specified in the certification and with respect to subsequent quarterly payments made on the selected payment date in subsequent years, until the election is terminated.

(3) *Termination.* (i) An insured depository institution may terminate its election of the doubled-payment option for a selected payment date by so certifying in writing to the Corporation in advance. In order for the termination to be effective, the Corporation must receive the termination certification by the following dates: In the case of a quarterly payment to be made on March 30, June 30, or September 30, the Corporation must receive the termination certification no later than the prior February 1, May 1, or August 1, respectively; in the case of a quarterly payment to be made on the alternate payment date, the Corporation must receive the termination certification by the prior November 1.

(ii) The termination certification shall be made on a pre-printed form provided by the Corporation. The form shall be signed by the institution's chief financial officer or such other officer as the institution's board of directors may designate for that purpose. The form shall be sent to the attention

of the Chief of the Assessment Operations Section of the Corporation's Division of Finance. An institution may obtain the form from the Corporation's Division of Finance.

(iii) The termination shall be permanent, except that an institution that has terminated its election of the doubled-payment option for a selected payment date may make a new election.

(4) *Manner of payment.* If an insured depository institution elects the doubled-payment option for a selected payment date, the Corporation will cause an amount equal to twice the amount stated in the applicable invoice to be directly debited on the selected payment date from the deposit account designated by the insured depository institution for that purpose.

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§ 327.4 Annual assessment rate.

(a) *Assessment risk classification.* For the purpose of determining the annual assessment rate for insured depository institutions under § 327.9, each insured depository institution will be assigned an "assessment risk classification". Notice of the assessment risk classification applicable to a particular semiannual period will be provided to the institution with the first-quarterly invoice provided pursuant to § 327.3(c)(1). Each institution's assessment risk classification, which will be composed of a group and a subgroup assignment, will be based on the following capital and supervisory factors:

(1) *Capital factors.* Institutions will be assigned to one of the following three capital groups on the basis of data reported in the institution's Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income, Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks, or Thrift Financial Report dated as of March 31 for the assessment period beginning the following July and as of September 30 for the assessment period beginning the following January 1.

(i) *Well capitalized.* For assessment risk classification purposes, the short-form designation for this group is "1".

(A) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this section, this group

consists of institutions satisfying each of the following capital ratio standards: Total risk-based ratio, 10.0 percent or greater; Tier 1 risk-based ratio, 6.0 percent or greater; and Tier 1 leverage ratio, 5.0 or greater. New insured depository institutions coming into existence after the report date specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section will be included in this group for the first semiannual period for which they are required to pay assessments. For the purpose of computing the ratios referred to in this paragraph (a)(1)(i)(A) for the second semiannual period of 1997, each such ratio shall be computed for an institution as if the institution had retained the funds that the institution disbursed in payment of the special assessment prescribed by § 329.41(a).

(B) For purposes of assessment risk classification, an insured branch of a foreign bank will be deemed to be "well capitalized" if the insured branch:

(1) Maintains the pledge of assets required under § 347.210 of this chapter; and

(2) Maintains the eligible assets prescribed under § 347.211 of this chapter at 108 percent or more of the average book value of the insured branch's third-party liabilities for the quarter ending on the report date specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(ii) *Adequately capitalized.* For assessment risk classification purposes, the short-form designation for this group is "2".

(A) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(B) of this section, this group consists of institutions that do not satisfy the standards of "well capitalized" under this paragraph but which satisfy each of the following capital ratio standards: Total risk-based ratio, 8.0 percent or greater; Tier 1 risk-based ratio, 4.0 percent or greater; and Tier 1 leverage ratio, 4.0 percent or greater. For the purpose of computing the ratios referred to in this paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(A) for the second semiannual period of 1997, each such ratio shall be computed for an institution as if the institution had retained the funds that the institution disbursed in payment of the special assessment prescribed by § 327.41(a).