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#### INTERNATIONAL BANKING ACT OF 1978

##### **AN ACT**

To provide for Federal regulation of participation by foreign banks in domestic financial markets.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

##### SHORT TITLE; DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION

SECTION 1 (a) This Act may be cited as the "International Banking Act of 1978".

(b) For the purposes of this Act--

(1) "agency" means any office or any place of business of a foreign bank located in any State of the United States at which credit balances are maintained incidental to or arising out of the exercise of banking powers, checks are paid, or money is lent but at which deposits may not be accepted from citizens or residents of the United States;

(2) "Board" means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System;

(3) "branch" means any office or any place of business of a foreign bank located in any State of the

United States at which deposits are received;

(4) "Comptroller" means the Comptroller of the Currency;

(5) "Federal agency" means an agency of a foreign bank established and operating under section 4 of this Act;

(6) "Federal branch" means a branch of a foreign bank established and operating under section 4 of this Act;

(7) "foreign bank" means any company organized under the laws of a foreign country, a territory of the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, or the Virgin Islands, which engages in the business of banking, or any subsidiary or affiliate, organized under such laws, of any such company. For the purposes of this Act the term "foreign bank" includes, without limitation, foreign commercial banks, foreign merchant banks and other foreign institutions that engage in banking activities usual in connection with the business of banking in the countries where such foreign institutions are organized or operating;

(8) "foreign country" means any country other than the United States, and includes any colony, dependency, or possession of any such country;

(9) "commercial lending company" means any institution, other than a bank or an organization operating under section 25 of the Federal Reserve Act, organized under the laws of any State of the United States, or the District of Columbia which maintains credit balances incidental to or arising out of the exercise of banking powers and engages in the business of making commercial loans;

(10) "State" means any State of the United States or the District of Columbia;

(11) "State agency" means an agency of a foreign bank established and operating under the laws of any State;

(12) "State branch" means a branch of a foreign bank established and operating under the laws of any State;

(13) the terms "affiliate", "bank", "bank holding company", "company", "control", and "subsidiary" have the same meanings assigned to those terms in the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, and the terms "controlled" and "controlling" shall be construed consistently with the term "control" as defined in [section 2](#) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956;

(14) "consolidated" means consolidated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States consistently applied; and

(15) the term "representative office" means any office of a foreign bank which is located in any State and is not a Federal branch, Federal agency, State branch, or State agency;

(16) the term "office" means any branch, agency, or representative office; and

(17) the term "State bank supervisor" has the meaning given to such term in [section 3](#) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

*[Codified to 12 U.S.C. 3101]*

*[Source: Section 1 of the Act of September 17, 1978 (Pub. L. No. 95--369; 92 Stat. 607), effective September 17, 1978; as amended by section 202(e) of title II of the Act of December 19, 1991 (Pub. L. No. 102--242; 105 Stat. 2291), effective December 19, 1991; section 142(a) of title I of the Act of November 12, 1999 (Pub. L. No. 106--102; 113 Stat. 1384), effective March 12, 2000]*

## EDGE ACT CORPORATIONS

SEC. 3. (a) It is the purpose of this section to eliminate or modify provisions in section 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act that (1) discriminate against foreign-owned banking institutions, (2) disadvantage or unnecessarily restrict or limit corporations organized under section 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act in competing with foreign-owned banking institutions in the United States or abroad or (3) impede the attainment of the Congressional purposes set forth in section 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act as amended by subsection (b) of this section. In furtherance of such purpose, the Congress believes that the Board should review and revise its rules, regulations, and interpretations issued pursuant to section 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act to eliminate or modify any restrictions, conditions, or limitations not required by section 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, that (1) discriminate against foreign-owned banking institutions, (2) disadvantage or unnecessarily restrict or limit corporations organized under section 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act in competing with foreign-owned banking institutions in the United States or abroad, or (3) impede the attainment of the Congressional purposes set forth in section 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act as amended by subsection (b) of this section. Rules and regulations pursuant to this subsection and section 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act shall be issued not later than 150 days after the date of enactment of this section and shall be issued in final form and become effective not later than 120 days after they are first issued.

(g) The Board shall report to the Congress not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act its recommendations with respect to permitting corporations organized or operating under section 25 or 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act, to become members of Federal Reserve Banks.

(h) As part of its annual report pursuant to section 10 of the Federal Reserve Act, the Board shall include its assessment of the effects of the amendments made by this Act on the capitalization and activities of corporations organized or operating under section 25 or 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act, and on commercial banks and the banking system.

*[Codified to 12 U.S.C. 611a note and 247 note]*

*[Source: Section 3 of the Act of September 17, 1978 (Pub. L. No. 95--369; 92 Stat. 608, 610), effective September 17, 1978]*

## FEDERAL BRANCHES AND AGENCIES

SEC. 4. (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF FEDERAL BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.--

(1) INITIAL FEDERAL BRANCH OR AGENCY.--Except as provided in [section 5](#), a foreign bank which engages directly in a banking business outside the United States may, with the approval of the Comptroller, establish one or more Federal branches or agencies in any State in which (1) it is not operating a branch

or agency pursuant to State law and (2) the establishment of a branch or agency, as the case may be, by a foreign bank is not prohibited by State law.

(2) BOARD CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED.--In considering any application for approval under this subsection, the Comptroller of the Currency shall include any condition imposed by the Board under [section 7\(d\)\(5\)](#) as a condition for the approval of such application by the agency.

(b) In establishing and operating a Federal branch or agency, a foreign bank shall be subject to such rules, regulations, and orders as the Comptroller considers appropriate to carry out this section, which shall include provisions for service of process and maintenance of branch and agency accounts separate from those of the parent bank. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act or in rules, regulations, or orders adopted by the Comptroller under this section, operations of a foreign bank at a Federal branch or agency shall be conducted with the same rights and privileges as a national bank at the same location and shall be subject to all the same duties, restrictions, penalties, liabilities, conditions, and limitations that would apply under the National Bank Act to a national bank doing business at the same location, except that (1) any limitation or restriction based on the capital stock and surplus of a national bank shall be deemed to refer, as applied to a Federal branch or agency, to the dollar equivalent of the capital stock and surplus of the foreign bank, and if the foreign bank has more than one Federal branch or agency the business transacted by all such branches and agencies shall be aggregated in determining compliance with the limitation; (2) a Federal branch or agency shall not be required to become a member bank, as that term is defined in section 1 of the Federal Reserve Act; and (3) a Federal agency shall not be required to become an insured bank as that term is defined in [section 3\(h\)](#) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. The Comptroller of the Currency shall coordinate examinations of Federal branches and agencies of foreign banks with examinations conducted by the Board under [section 7\(c\)\(1\)](#) and, to the extent possible, shall participate in any simultaneous examinations of the United States operations of a foreign bank requested by the Board under such section.

(c) In acting on any application to establish a Federal branch or agency, the Comptroller shall take into account the effects of the proposal on competition in the domestic and foreign commerce of the the United States, the financial and managerial resources and future prospects of the applicant foreign bank and the branch or agency, and the convenience and needs of the community to be served.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a foreign bank shall not receive deposits or exercise fiduciary powers at any Federal agency. A foreign bank may, however, maintain at a Federal agency for the account of others credit balances incidental to, or arising out of, the exercise of its lawful powers.

(e) No foreign bank may maintain both a Federal branch and a Federal agency in the same State.

(f) Any branch or agency operated by a foreign bank in a State pursuant to State law and any commercial lending company controlled by a foreign bank may be converted into a Federal branch or agency with the approval of the Comptroller. In the event of any conversion pursuant to this subsection, all of the liabilities of such foreign bank previously payable at the State branch or agency, or all of the liabilities of the commercial lending company, shall thereafter be payable by such foreign bank at the branch or agency established under this subsection.

(g)(1) Upon the opening of a Federal branch or agency in any State and thereafter, a foreign bank, in

addition to any deposit requirements imposed under [section 6](#) of this Act, shall keep on deposit, in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Comptroller may prescribe, with a member bank designated by such foreign bank, dollar deposits or investment securities of the type that may be held by national banks for their own accounts pursuant to paragraph "Seventh" of section 5136 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, in an amount as hereinafter set forth. Such depository bank shall be located in the State where such branch or agency is located and shall be approved by the Comptroller if it is a national bank and by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System if it is a State Bank.

(2) The aggregate amount of deposited investment securities (calculated on the basis of principal amount or market value, whichever is lower) and dollar deposits for each branch or agency established and operating under this section shall be not less than the greater of (1) that amount of capital (but not surplus) which would be required of a national bank being organized at this location, or (2) 5 per centum of the total liabilities of such branch or agency, including acceptances, but excluding (A) accrued expenses, and (B) amounts due and other liabilities to offices, branches, agencies, and subsidiaries of such foreign bank. The Comptroller may require that the assets deposited pursuant to this subsection shall be maintained in such amounts as he may from time to time deem necessary or desirable, for the maintenance of a sound financial condition, the protection of depositors, and the public interest, but such additional amount shall in no event be greater than would be required to conform to generally accepted banking practices as manifested by banks in the area in which the branch or agency is located.

(3) The deposit shall be maintained with any such member bank pursuant to a deposit agreement in such form and containing such limitations and conditions as the Comptroller may prescribe. So long as it continues business in the ordinary course such foreign bank shall, however, be permitted to collect income on the securities and funds so deposited and from time to time examine and exchange such securities.

(4) Subject to such conditions and requirements as may be prescribed by the Comptroller, each foreign bank shall hold in each State in which it has a Federal branch or agency, assets of such types and in such amount as the Comptroller may prescribe by general or specific regulation or ruling as necessary or desirable for the maintenance of a sound financial condition, the protection of depositors, creditors and the public interest. In determining compliance with any such prescribed asset requirements, the Comptroller shall give credit to (A) assets required to be maintained pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, (B) reserves required to be maintained pursuant to [section 7\(a\)](#) of this Act, and (C) assets pledged, and surety bonds payable, to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to secure the payment of domestic deposits. The Comptroller may prescribe different asset requirements for branches or agencies in different States, in order to ensure competitive equality of Federal branches and agencies with State branches and agencies and domestic banks in those States.

(h) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OR AGENCIES.--

(1) APPROVAL OF AGENCY REQUIRED.--A foreign bank with a Federal branch or agency operating in any State may (A) with the prior approval of the Comptroller establish and operate additional branches or agencies in the State in which such branch or agency is located on the same terms and conditions and subject to the same limitations and restrictions as are applicable to the establishment of branches by a national bank if the principal office of such national bank were located at the same place as the initial branch or agency in such State of such foreign bank and (B) change the designation of its initial branch or agency to any other branch or agency subject to the same limitations and restrictions as are applicable to a change in the designation of the principal office of a national bank if such principal office were located at

the same place as such initial branch or agency.

(2) NOTICE TO AND COMMENT BY BOARD.--The Comptroller of the Currency shall provide the Board with notice and an opportunity for comment on any application to establish an additional Federal branch or Federal agency under this subsection.

(i) Authority to operate a Federal branch or agency shall terminate when the parent foreign bank voluntarily relinquishes it or when such parent foreign bank is dissolved or its authority or existence is otherwise terminated or canceled in the country of its organization. If (1) at any time the Comptroller is of the opinion or has reasonable cause to believe that such foreign bank has violated or failed to comply with any of the provisions of this section or any of the rules, regulations, or orders of the Comptroller made pursuant to this section, or (2) a conservator is appointed for such foreign bank or a similar proceeding is initiated in the foreign bank's country of organization, the Comptroller shall have the power, after opportunity for hearing, to revoke the foreign bank's authority to operate a Federal branch or agency. The Comptroller may, in his discretion, deny such opportunity for hearing if he determines such denial to be in the public interest. The Comptroller may restore any such authority upon due proof of compliance with the provisions of this section and the rules, regulations, or orders of the Comptroller made pursuant to this section.

(j)(1) Whenever the Comptroller revokes a foreign bank's authority to operate a Federal branch or agency or whenever any creditor of any such foreign bank shall have obtained a judgment against it arising out of a transaction with a Federal branch or agency in any court of record of the United States or any State of the United States and made application, accompanied by a certificate from the clerk of the court stating that such judgment has been rendered and has remained unpaid for the space of thirty days, or whenever the Comptroller shall become satisfied that such foreign bank is insolvent, he may, after due consideration of its affairs, in any such case, appoint a receiver who shall take possession of all the property and assets of such foreign bank in the United States and exercise the same rights, privileges, powers, and authority with respect thereto as are now exercised by receivers of national banks appointed by the Comptroller.

(2) In any receivership proceeding ordered pursuant to this subsection (j), whenever there has been paid to each and every depositor and creditor of such foreign bank whose claim or claims shall have been proved or allowed, the full amount of such claims arising out of transactions had by them with any branch or agency of such foreign bank located in any State of the United States, except (A) claims that would not represent an enforceable legal obligation against such branch or agency if such branch or agency were a separate legal entity, and (B) amounts due and other liabilities to other offices or branches or agencies of, and wholly owned (except for a nominal number of directors' shares) subsidiaries of, such foreign bank, and all expenses of the receivership, the Comptroller or the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, where that Corporation has been appointed receiver of the foreign bank, shall turn over the remainder, if any, of the assets and proceeds of such foreign bank to the head office of such foreign bank, or to the duly appointed domiciliary liquidator or receiver of such foreign bank.

*[Codified to 12 U.S.C. 3102]*

*[Source: Section 4 of the Act of September 17, 1978 (Pub. L. No. 95--369; 92 Stat. 610), effective September 17, 1978; as amended by sections 202(c) and 203(b) of title II of the Act of December 19, 1991 (Pub. L. No. 102--242; 105 Stat. 2290 and 2291, respectively), effective December 19, 1991; section 1234 of title XII of the Act of December 27, 2000 (Pub. L. No. 106--569; 114 Stat. 3037, effective December 27,*

INTERSTATE BANKING OPERATIONS

SEC. 5. (a) INTERSTATE BRANCHING AND AGENCY OPERATIONS.--

(1) FEDERAL BRANCH OR AGENCY.--Subject to the provisions of this Act and with the prior written approval by the Board and the Comptroller of the Currency of an application, a foreign bank may establish and operate a Federal branch or agency in any State outside the home State of such foreign bank to the extent that the establishment and operation of such branch would be permitted under section 5155(g) of the Revised Statutes or [section 44](#) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act if the foreign bank were a national bank whose home State is the same State as the home State of the foreign bank.

(2) STATE BRANCH OR AGENCY.--Subject to the provisions of this Act and with the prior written approval by the Board and the appropriate State bank supervisor of an application, a foreign bank may establish and operate a State branch or agency in any State outside the home State of such foreign bank to the extent that such establishment and operation would be permitted under [section 18\(d\)\(4\)](#) or 44 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act if the foreign bank were a State bank whose home State is the same State as the home State of the foreign bank.

(3) CRITERIA FOR DETERMINATION.--In approving an application under paragraph (1) or (2), the Board and (in the case of an application under paragraph (1)) the Comptroller of the Currency--

(A) shall apply the standards applicable to the establishment of a foreign bank office in the United States under section 7(d);

(B) may not approve an application unless the Board and (in the case of an application under paragraph (1)) the Comptroller of the Currency--

(i) determine that the foreign bank's financial resources, including the capital level of the bank, are equivalent to those required for a domestic bank to be approved for branching under section 5155 of the Revised Statutes and section 44 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act; and

(ii) consult with the Secretary of the Treasury regarding capital equivalency; and

(C) shall apply the same requirements and conditions to which an application for an interstate merger transaction is subject under paragraphs (1), (3), and (4) of section 44(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

(4) OPERATION.--[Subsections \(c\)](#) and [\(d\)\(2\)](#) of section 44 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall apply with respect to each branch and agency of a foreign bank which is established and operated pursuant to an application approved under this subsection in the same manner and to the same extent such provisions of such section apply to a domestic branch of a national or State bank (as such terms are defined in [section 3](#) of such Act) which resulted from a merger transaction under such section 44.

(5) EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY FOR ADDITIONAL BRANCHES.--Except as provided in this section, a foreign bank may not, directly or indirectly, acquire, establish, or operate a branch or agency in any State other than the home State of such bank.

(6) REQUIREMENT FOR A SEPARATE SUBSIDIARY.--If the Board or the Comptroller of the Currency, taking into account differing regulatory or accounting standards, finds that adherence by a foreign bank to capital requirements equivalent to those imposed under section 5155 of the Revised Statutes and section 44 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act could be verified only if the banking activities of such bank in the United States are carried out in a domestic banking subsidiary within the United States, the Board and (in the case of an application under paragraph (1)) the Comptroller of the Currency may approve an application under paragraph (1) or (2) subject to a requirement that the foreign bank or company controlling the foreign bank establish a domestic banking subsidiary in the United States.

(7) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY FOR INTERSTATE BRANCHES AND AGENCIES OF FOREIGN BANKS, UPGRADES OF CERTAIN FOREIGN bank agencies and branches.--Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), a foreign bank may--

(A) with the approval of the Board and the Comptroller of the Currency, establish and operate a Federal branch or Federal agency or, with the approval of the Board and the appropriate State bank supervisor, a State branch or State agency in any State outside the foreign bank's home State if--

(i) the establishment and operation of such branch or agency is permitted by the State in which the branch or agency is to be established; and

(ii) in the case of a Federal or State branch, the branch receives only such deposits as would be permitted for a corporation organized under [section 25A](#) of the Federal Reserve Act; or

(B) with the approval of the Board and the relevant licensing authority (the Comptroller in the case of a Federal branch or the appropriate State supervisor in the case of a State branch), upgrade an agency, or a branch of the type referred to in subparagraph (A)(ii), located in a State outside the foreign bank's home States, into a Federal or State branch if--

(i) the establishment and operation of such branch is permitted by such State; and

(ii) such agency or branch--

(I) was in operation in such State on the day before September 29, 1994; or

(II) has been in operation in such State for a period of time that meets the State's minimum age requirement permitted under [section 44\(a\)\(5\)](#) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

(8) CONTINUING REQUIREMENT FOR MEETING COMMUNITY CREDIT NEEDS AFTER INITIAL INTERSTATE ENTRY BY ACQUISITION.--

(A) IN GENERAL.--If a foreign bank acquires a bank or a branch of a bank, in a State in which the foreign bank does not maintain a branch, and such acquired bank is, or is part of, a regulated financial institution (as defined in [section 803](#) of the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977), the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 shall continue to apply to each branch of the foreign bank which results from the acquisition as if such branch were a regulated financial institution.

(B) EXCEPTION FOR BRANCH THAT RECEIVES ONLY DEPOSITS PERMISSIBLE FOR AN EDGE ACT



CORPORATION.--Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any branch that receives only such deposits as are permissible for a corporation organized under [section 25A](#) of the Federal Reserve Act to receive.

(9) HOME STATE OF DOMESTIC BANK DEFINED.--For purposes of this subsection, the term "home State" means--

(A) with respect to a national bank, the State in which the main office of the bank is located; and

(B) with respect to a State bank, the State by which the bank is chartered.

(b) Unless its authority to do so is lawfully revoked otherwise than pursuant to this section, a foreign bank, notwithstanding any restriction or limitation imposed under subsection (a) of this section, may establish and operate, outside its home State, any State branch, State agency, or bank or commercial lending company subsidiary which commenced lawful operation or for which an application to commence business had been lawfully filed with the appropriate State or Federal authority, as the case may be, on or before July 27, 1978. Notwithstanding subsection (a), a foreign bank may continue to operate, after the enactment of the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994, any Federal branch, State branch, Federal agency, State agency, or commercial lending company subsidiary which such bank was operating on the day before the date of the enactment of such Act to the extent the branch, agency, or subsidiary continues, after the enactment of such Act, to engage in operations which were lawful under the laws in effect on the day before such date.

(c) DETERMINATION OF HOME STATE OF FOREIGN BANK.--For the purposes of this section--

(1) in the case of a foreign bank that has any branch, agency, subsidiary commercial lending company, or subsidiary bank in more than 1 State, the home State of the foreign bank is the 1 State of such States which is selected to be the home State by the foreign bank or, in default of any such selection, by the Board; and

(2) in the case of a foreign bank that does not have a branch, agency, subsidiary commercial lending company, or subsidiary bank in more than 1 State, the home State of the foreign bank is the State in which the foreign bank has a branch, agency, subsidiary commercial lending company, or subsidiary bank.

(d) CLARIFICATION OF BRANCHING RULES IN THE CASE OF A FOREIGN BANK WITH A DOMESTIC BANK SUBSIDIARY.--In the case of a foreign bank that has a domestic bank subsidiary within the United States--

(1) the fact that such bank controls a domestic bank shall not affect the authority of the foreign bank to establish Federal and State branches or agencies to the extent permitted under subsection (a); and

(2) the fact that the domestic bank is controlled by a foreign bank which has Federal or State branches or agencies in States other than the home State of such domestic bank shall not affect the authority of the domestic bank to establish branches outside the home State of the domestic bank to the extent permitted under section 5155(g) of the Revised Statutes or [section 18\(d\)\(4\)](#) or [44](#) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as the case may be.

*[Codified to 12 U.S.C. 3103]*

*[Source: Section 5 of the Act of September 17, 1978 (Pub. L. No. 95--369; 92 Stat. 613), effective*

*September 17, 1978; as amended by sections 104 and 107(f) of title I of the Act of September 29, 1994 (Pub. L. No. 103-328; 108 Stat. 2354 and 2361), effective September 29, 1994; as amended by section 732 of title VII of the Act of November 12, 1999 (Pub. L. No. 106-102; 113 Stat. 1478), effective November 12, 1999]*

## INSURANCE OF DEPOSITS

SEC. 6. (a) OBJECTIVE.--In implementing this section, the Comptroller and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation shall each, by affording equal competitive opportunities to foreign and United States banking organizations in their United States operations, ensure that foreign banking organizations do not receive an unfair competitive advantage over United States banking organizations.

(b) No foreign bank may establish or operate a Federal branch which receives deposits of less than an amount equal to the standard maximum deposit insurance amount unless the branch is an insured branch as defined in section 3(s) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, or unless the Comptroller determines by order or regulation that the branch is not engaged in domestic retail deposit activities requiring deposit insurance protection, taking account of the size and nature of depositors and deposit accounts.

(c)(1) After the date of enactment of this Act no foreign bank may establish a branch, and after one year following such date no foreign bank may operate a branch, in any State in which the deposits of a bank organized and existing under the laws of that State would be required to be insured, unless the branch is an insured branch as defined in [section 3\(s\)](#) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, or unless the branch will not thereafter accept deposits of less than an amount equal to the standard maximum deposit insurance amount, or unless the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation determines by order or regulation that the branch is not engaged in domestic retail deposit activities requiring deposit insurance protection, taking account of the size and nature of depositors and deposit accounts.

(2) Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, a branch of a foreign bank in operation on the date of enactment of this Act which has applied for Federal deposit insurance pursuant to [section 5](#) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act by September 17, 1979, and has not had such application denied, may continue to accept domestic retail deposits until January 31, 1980.

(d) RETAIL DEPOSIT-TAKING BY FOREIGN BANKS.--

(1) IN GENERAL.--After the date of enactment of this subsection, notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or any provision of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, in order to accept or maintain deposit accounts having balances of less than an amount equal to the standard maximum deposit insurance amount, a foreign bank shall--

(A) establish 1 or more banking subsidiaries in the United States for that purpose; and

(B) obtain Federal deposit insurance for any such subsidiary in accordance with the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

(2) EXCEPTION.--Deposit accounts with balances of less than an amount equal to the standard maximum deposit insurance amount may be accepted or maintained in a branch of a foreign bank only if such branch was an insured branch on the date of the enactment of this subsection.

(3) INSURED BANKS IN U.S. TERRITORIES.--For purposes of this subsection, the term "foreign bank" does not include any bank organized under the laws of any territory of the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, or the Virgin Islands the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation pursuant to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

(e) STANDARD MAXIMUM DEPOSIT INSURANCE AMOUNT DEFINED.--For purposes of this section, the term "standard maximum deposit insurance amount" means the amount of the maximum amount of deposit insurance as determined under section 11(a)(1) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

*[Codified to 12 U.S.C. 3104]*

*[Source: Section 6 of the Act of September 17, 1978 (Pub. L. No. 95--369; 92 Stat. 614), effective September 17, 1978; the Act of September 14, 1979 (Pub. L. No. 96--64; 93 Stat. 412), effective September 14, 1979; as amended by section 214(a) of title II of the Act of December 19, 1991 (Pub. L. No. 102--242; 105 Stat. 2303), effective December 19, 1991; sections 107(a) and 107(d) of title I of the Act of September 29, 1994 (Pub. L. No. 103--328; 108 Stat. 2358 and 2360), effective September 29, 1994; section 2(c)(4) of the Act of February 15, 2006 (Pub. L. No. 109--173; 119 Stat. 3602), effective date shall take effect on the date on which the final regulations required under section 2109(a)(2), of the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005 take effect]*

#### AUTHORITY OF FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

SEC. 7. (a)(1)(A) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), (f), (g), (i), (j), (k), and the second sentence of subsection (e) of section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act shall apply to every Federal branch and Federal agency of a foreign bank in the same manner and to the same extent as if the Federal branch or Federal agency were a member bank as that term is defined in section 1 of the Federal Reserve Act; but the Board either by general or specific regulation or ruling may waive the minimum and maximum reserve ratios prescribed under [section 19](#) of the Federal Reserve Act and may prescribe any ratio, not more than 22 per centum, for any obligation of any such Federal branch or Federal agency that the Board may deem reasonable and appropriate, taking into consideration the character of business conducted by such institutions and the need to maintain vigorous and fair competition between and among such institutions and member banks. The Board may impose reserve requirements on Federal branches and Federal agencies in such graduated manner as it deems reasonable and appropriate.

(B) After consultation and in cooperation with the State bank supervisory authorities, the Board may make applicable to any State branch or State agency any requirement made applicable to, or which the Board has authority to impose upon, any Federal branch or agency under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(2) A branch or agency shall be subject to this subsection only if (A) its parent foreign bank has total worldwide consolidated bank assets in excess of \$1,000,000,000; (B) its parent foreign bank is controlled by a foreign company which owns or controls foreign banks that in the aggregate have total worldwide consolidated bank assets in excess of \$1,000,000,000; or (C) its parent foreign bank is controlled by a group of foreign companies that own or control foreign banks that in the aggregate have total worldwide consolidated bank assets in excess of \$1,000,000,000.

(c) FOREIGN BANK EXAMINATIONS AND REPORTING.--

(1) EXAMINATION OF BRANCHES, AGENCIES, AND AFFILIATES.--

(A) IN GENERAL.--The Board may examine each branch or agency of a foreign bank, each commercial lending company or bank controlled by 1 or more foreign banks or 1 or more foreign companies that control a foreign bank, and other office or affiliate of a foreign bank conducting business in any State.

(B) COORDINATION OF EXAMINATIONS.--

(i) IN GENERAL.--The Board shall coordinate examinations under this paragraph with the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and appropriate State bank supervisors to the extent such coordination is possible.

(ii) SIMULTANEOUS EXAMINATIONS.--The Board may request simultaneous examinations of each office of a foreign bank and each affiliate of such bank operating in the United States.

(iii) AVOIDANCE OF DUPLICATION.--In exercising its authority under this paragraph, the Board shall take all reasonable measures to reduce burden and avoid unnecessary duplication of examinations.

(C) ON-SITE EXAMINATION.--Each Federal branch or agency, and each State branch or agency, of a foreign bank shall be subject to on-site examination by an appropriate Federal banking agency or State bank supervisor as frequently as would a national bank or a State bank, respectively, by the appropriate Federal banking agency.

(D) COST OF EXAMINATIONS.--The cost of any examination under subparagraph (A) shall be assessed against and collected from the foreign bank or the foreign company that controls the foreign bank, as the case may be, only to the same extent that fees are collected by the Board for examination of any State member bank.

(2) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.--Each branch or agency of a foreign bank, other than a Federal branch or agency, shall be subject to paragraph 20 and the provision requiring the reports of condition contained in paragraph 6 of section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 335 and 324) to the same extent and in the same manner as if the branch or agency were a State member bank. In addition to any requirements imposed under section 4 of this Act, each Federal branch and agency shall be subject to a subparagraph (a) of section 11 of the Federal Reserve Act ([12 U.S.C. 248\(a\)](#)) and to paragraph 5 of section 21 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 483) to the same extent and in the same manner as if it were a member bank.

(d) ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREIGN BANK OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES.--

(1) PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED.--No foreign bank may establish a branch or an agency, or acquire ownership or control of a commercial lending company, without the prior approval of the Board.

(2) REQUIRED STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL.--Except as provided in paragraph (6), the Board may not approve an application under paragraph (1) unless it determines that--

(A) the foreign bank engages directly in the business of banking outside of the United States and is subject to comprehensive supervision or regulation on a consolidated basis by the appropriate authorities

in its home country; and

(B) the foreign bank has furnished to the Board the information it needs to adequately assess the application.

(3) STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL.--In acting on any application under paragraph (1), the Board may take into account--

(A) whether the appropriate authorities in the home country of the foreign bank have consented to the proposed establishment of a branch, agency or commercial lending company in the United States by the foreign bank;

(B) the financial and managerial resources of the foreign bank, including the bank's experience and capacity to engage in international banking;

(C) whether the foreign bank has provided the Board with adequate assurances that the bank will make available to the Board such information on the operations or activities of the foreign bank and any affiliate of the bank that the Board deems necessary to determine and enforce compliance with this Act, the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, and other applicable Federal law; and

(D) whether the foreign bank and the United States affiliates of the bank are in compliance with applicable United States law.

(4) FACTOR.--In acting on an application under paragraph (1), the Board shall not make the size of the foreign bank the sole determinant factor, and may take into account the needs of the community as well as the length of operation of the foreign bank and its relative size in its home country. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the ability of the Board to order a State branch, agency, or commercial lending company subsidiary to terminate its activities in the United States pursuant to any standard set forth in this Act.

(5) ESTABLISHMENT OF CONDITIONS.--The Board may impose such conditions on its approval under this subsection as it deems necessary.

(6) EXCEPTION.--

(A) IN GENERAL.--If the Board is unable to find, under paragraph (2), that a foreign bank is subject to comprehensive supervision or regulation on a consolidated basis by the appropriate authorities in its home country, the Board may nevertheless approve an application by such foreign bank under paragraph (1) if--

(i) the appropriate authorities in the home country of the foreign bank are actively working to establish arrangements for the consolidated supervision of such bank; and

(ii) all other factors are consistent with approval.

(B) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.--In deciding whether to use its discretion under subparagraph (A), the Board shall also consider whether the foreign bank has adopted and implements procedures to combat money laundering. The Board may also take into account whether the home country of the foreign bank is developing a legal regime to address money laundering or is participating in multilateral efforts to combat

money laundering.

(C) ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.--In approving an application under this paragraph, the Board, after requesting and taking into consideration the views of the appropriate State bank supervisor or the Comptroller of the Currency, as the case may be, may impose such conditions or restrictions relating to the activities or business operations of the proposed branch, agency, or commercial lending company subsidiary, including restrictions on sources of funding, as are considered appropriate. The Board shall coordinate with the appropriate State bank supervisor or the Comptroller of the Currency, as appropriate, in the implementation of such conditions or restrictions.

(D) MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS.--Any condition or restriction imposed by the Board in connection with the approval of an application under authority of this paragraph may be modified or withdrawn.

(7) TIME PERIOD FOR BOARD ACTION.--

(A) FINAL ACTION.--The Board shall take final action on any application under paragraph (1) not later than 180 days after receipt of the application, except that the Board may extend for an additional 180 days the period within which to take final action on such application after providing notice of, and the reasons for, the extension to the applicant foreign bank and any appropriate State bank supervisor or the Comptroller of the Currency, as appropriate.

(B) FAILURE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION.--The Board may deny any application if its does not receive information requested from the applicant foreign bank or appropriate authorities in the home country of the foreign bank in sufficient time to permit the Board to evaluate such information adequately within the time periods for final action set forth in subparagraph (A).

(C) WAIVER.--A foreign bank may waive the applicability of this paragraph with respect to any application under paragraph (1).

(e) TERMINATION OF FOREIGN BANK OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES.--

(1) STANDARDS FOR TERMINATION.--The Board, after notice and opportunity for hearing and notice to any appropriate State bank supervisor, may order a foreign bank that operates a State branch or agency or commercial lending company subsidiary in the United States to terminate the activities of such branch, agency, or subsidiary if the Board finds that--

(A)(i) the foreign bank is not subject to comprehensive supervision or regulation on a consolidated basis by the appropriate authorities in its home country; and

(ii) the appropriate authorities in the home country of the foreign bank are not making demonstrable progress in establishing arrangements for the comprehensive supervision or regulation of such foreign bank on a consolidated basis; or

(B)(i) there is reasonable cause to believe that such foreign bank, or any affiliate of such foreign bank, has committed a violation of law or engaged in an unsafe or unsound banking practice in the United States; and

(ii) as a result of such violation or practice, the continued operation of the foreign bank's branch, agency

or commercial lending company subsidiary in the United States would not be consistent with the public interest or with the purposes of this Act, the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, or the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

However, in making findings under this paragraph, the Board shall not make size the sole determinant factor, and may take into account the needs of the community as well as the length of operation of the foreign bank and its relative size in its home country. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the ability of the Board to order a State branch, agency, or commercial lending company subsidiary to terminate its activities in the United States pursuant to any standard set forth in this Act.

(2) DISCRETION TO DENY HEARING.--The Board may issue an order under paragraph (1) without providing for an opportunity for a hearing if the Board determines that expeditious action is necessary in order to protect the public interest.

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION ORDER.--An order issued under paragraph (1) shall take effect before the end of the 120-day period beginning on the date such order is issued unless the Board extends such period.

(4) COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW.--Any foreign bank required to terminate activities conducted at offices or subsidiaries in the United States pursuant to this subsection shall comply with the requirements of applicable Federal and State law with respect to procedures for the closure or dissolution of such offices or subsidiaries.

(5) RECOMMENDATION TO AGENCY FOR TERMINATION OF A FEDERAL BRANCH OR AGENCY.--The Board may transmit to the Comptroller of the Currency a recommendation that the license of any Federal branch or Federal agency of a foreign bank be terminated in accordance with [section 4\(i\)](#) if the Board has reasonable cause to believe that such foreign bank or any affiliate of such foreign bank has engaged in conduct for which the activities of any State branch or agency may be terminated under paragraph (1).

(6) ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS.--

(A) IN GENERAL.--In the case of contumacy of any office or subsidiary of the foreign bank against which the Board or, in the case of an order issued under [section 4\(i\)](#), the Comptroller of the Currency has issued an order under paragraph (1) or a refusal by such office or subsidiary to comply with such order, the Board or the Comptroller of the Currency may invoke the aid of the district court of the United States within the jurisdiction of which the office or subsidiary is located.

(B) COURT ORDER.--Any court referred to in subparagraph (A) may issue an order requiring compliance with an order issued under paragraph (1).

(7) CRITERIA RELATING TO FOREIGN SUPERVISION.--Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Board, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall develop and publish criteria to be used in evaluating the operation of any foreign bank in the United States that the Board has determined is not subject to comprehensive supervision or regulation on a consolidated basis. In developing such criteria, the Board shall allow reasonable opportunity for public review and comment.

(f) JUDICIAL REVIEW.--

(1) JURISDICTION OF UNITED STATES COURTS OF APPEALS.--Any foreign bank--

(A) whose application under subsection (d) or section 10(a) has been disapproved by the Board;

(B) against which the Board has issued an order under subsection (e) or section 10(b); or

(C) against which the Comptroller of the Currency has issued an order under section 4(i) of this Act,

may obtain a review of such order in the United States court of appeals for any circuit in which such foreign bank operates a branch, agency, or commercial lending company that has been required by such order to terminate its activities, or in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, by filing a petition for review in the court before the end of the 30-day period beginning on the date the order was issued.

(2) SCOPE OF JUDICIAL REVIEW.--Section 706 of title 5, United States Code (other than paragraph (2)(F) of such section) shall apply with respect to any review under paragraph (1).

(g) CONSULTATION WITH STATE BANK SUPERVISOR.--The Board shall request and consider any views of the appropriate State bank supervisor with respect to any application or action under subsection (d) or (e).

(h) LIMITATIONS ON POWERS OF STATE BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.--

(1) IN GENERAL.--After the end of the 1-year period beginning on the date of enactment of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991, a State branch or State agency may not engage in any type of activity that is not permissible for a Federal branch unless--

(A) the Board has determined that such activity is consistent with sound banking practice; and

(B) in the case of an insured branch, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has determined that the activity would pose no significant risk to the deposit insurance fund.

(2) SINGLE BORROWER LENDING LIMIT.--A State branch or State agency shall be subject to the same limitations with respect to loans made to a single borrower as are applicable to a Federal branch or Federal agency under section 4(b).

(3) OTHER AUTHORITY NOT AFFECTED.--This section does not limit the authority of the Board or any State supervisor authority to impose more stringent restrictions.

(j) STUDY ON EQUIVALENCE OF FOREIGN BANK CAPITAL.--Not later than 180 days after enactment of this subsection, the Board and the Secretary of the Treasury shall jointly submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs of the House of Representatives a report--

(1) analyzing the capital standards contained in the framework for measurement of capital adequacy established by the Supervisory committee of the Bank for International Settlements, foreign regulatory capital standards that apply to foreign banks conducting banking operations in the United States, and the relationship of the Basle and foreign standards to risk-based capital and leverage requirements for United



States banks; and

(2) establishing guidelines for the adjustments to be used by the Board in converting data on the capital of such foreign banks to the equivalent risk-based capital and leverage requirements for United States banks for purposes of determining whether a foreign bank's capital level is equivalent to that imposed on United States banks for purposes of determinations under [section 7](#) of the International Banking Act of 1978 and [sections 3](#) and [4](#) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956.

An update shall be prepared annually explaining any changes in the analysis under paragraph (1) and resulting changes in the guidelines pursuant to paragraph (2).

(k) MANAGEMENT OF SHELL BRANCHES.--

(1) TRANSACTIONS PROHIBITED.--A branch or agency of a foreign bank shall not manage, through an office of the foreign bank which is located outside the United States and is managed or controlled by such branch or agency, any type of activity that a bank organized under the laws of the United States, any State, or the District of Columbia is not permitted to manage at any branch or subsidiary of such bank which is located outside the United States.

(2) REGULATIONS.--Any regulations promulgated to carry out this section--

(A) shall be promulgated in accordance with [section 13](#); and

(B) shall be uniform, to the extent practicable.

*[Codified to 12 U.S.C. 3105]*

*[Source: Section 7 of the Act of September 17, 1978 (Pub. L. No. 95--369; 92 Stat. 620), effective September 17, 1978; as amended by sections 202(a), 203(a), and 214(b) of title II of the Act of December 19, 1991 (Pub. L. No. 102--242; 105 Stat. 2286, 2991, and 2304 respectively), effective December 19, 1991; section 107(e) of title I of the Act of September 29, 1994 (Pub. L. No. 103--328; 108 Stat. 2360), effective March 30, 1995; section 2214 of title II of the Act of September 30, 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-208; 110 Stat. 3009-411, 412, and 413, respectively), effective September 30, 1996]*

## NONBANKING ACTIVITIES

SEC. 8. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section (1) any foreign bank that maintains a branch or agency in a State, (2) any foreign bank or foreign company controlling a foreign bank that controls a commercial lending company organized under State law, and (3) any company of which any foreign bank or company referred to in (1) and (2) is a subsidiary shall be subject to the provisions of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, and to sections 105 and 106 of the Bank Holding Company Act Amendments of 1970 in the same manner and to the same extent that bank holding companies are subject to such provisions.

(b) Until December 31, 1985, a foreign bank or other company to which subsection (a) applies on the date of enactment of this Act may retain direct or indirect ownership or control of any voting shares of any

nonbanking company in the United States that it owned, controlled, or held with power to vote on the date of enactment of this Act or engage in any nonbanking activities in the United States in which it was engaged on such date.

(c)(1) After December 31, 1985, a foreign bank or other company to which subsection (a) applies on the date of enactment of this Act or on the date of the establishment of a branch in a State an application for which was filed on or before July 26, 1978 may continue to engage in nonbanking activities in the United States in which directly or through an affiliate it was lawfully engaged on July 26, 1978 (or on a date subsequent to July 26, 1978, in the case of activities carried on as the result of the direct or indirect acquisition, pursuant to a binding written contract entered into on or before July 26, 1978, of another company engaged in such activities at the time of acquisition), and may engage directly or through an affiliate in nonbanking activities in the United States which are covered by an application to engage in such activities which was filed on or before July 26, 1978; except that the Board by order, after opportunity for hearing, may terminate the authority conferred by this subsection (c) on any such foreign bank or company to engage directly or through an affiliate in any activity otherwise permitted by this subsection (c) if it determines having due regard to the purposes of this Act and the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, that such action is necessary to prevent undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interest, or unsound banking practices in the United States. Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a foreign bank or company referred to in this subsection may retain ownership or control of any voting shares (or, where necessary to prevent dilution of its voting interest, acquire additional voting shares) of any domestically-controlled affiliate covered in 1978 which since July 26, 1978, has engaged in the business of underwriting, distributing, or otherwise buying or selling stocks, bonds, and other securities in the United States, notwithstanding that such affiliate acquired after July 26, 1978, an interest in, or any or all of the assets of, a going concern, or commences to engage in any new activity or activities. Except in the case of affiliates described in the preceding sentence, nothing in this subsection (c) shall be construed to authorize any foreign bank or company referred to in this subsection (c), or any affiliate thereof, to engage in activities authorized by this subsection (c) through the acquisition, pursuant to a contract entered into after July 26, 1978, of any interest in or the assets of a going concern engaged in such activities. Any foreign bank or company that is authorized to engage in any activity pursuant to this subsection (c) but, as a result of action of the Board, is required to terminate such activity may retain the ownership or control of shares in any company carrying on such activity for a period of two years from the date on which its authority was so terminated by the Board. As used in this subsection, the term "affiliate" shall mean any company more than 5 per centum of whose voting shares is directly or indirectly owned or controlled or held with power to vote by the specified foreign bank or company, and the term "domestically-controlled affiliate covered in 1978" shall mean an affiliate organized under the laws of the United States or any State thereof if (i) no foreign bank or group of foreign banks acting in concert owns or controls, directly or indirectly, 45 per centum or more of its voting shares, and (ii) no more than 20 per centum of the number of directors as established from time to time to constitute the whole board of directors and 20 per centum of the executive officers of such affiliate are persons affiliated with any such foreign bank. For the purpose of the preceding sentence, the term "persons affiliated with any such foreign bank" shall mean (A) any person who is or was an employee, officer, agent, or director of such foreign bank or who otherwise has or had such a relationship with such foreign bank that would lead such person to represent the interests of such foreign bank, and (B) in the case of any director of such domestically-controlled affiliate covered in 1978, any person in favor of whose election as a director votes were cast by less than two-thirds of all shares voting in connection with such election other than shares owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any such foreign bank.

(2) The authority conferred by this subsection on a foreign bank or other company shall terminate 2 years after the date on which such foreign bank or other company becomes a "bank holding company" as defined in section 2(a) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 ([12 U.S.C. 1841\(a\)](#)); except that the Board may, upon application of such foreign bank or other company, extend the 2-year period for not more than one year at a time, if, in its judgment, such an extension would not be detrimental to the public interest, but no such extensions shall exceed 3 years in the aggregate.

(3) TERMINATION OF GRANDFATHERED RIGHTS.--

(A) IN GENERAL.--If any foreign bank or foreign company files a declaration under [section 4\(l\)\(1\)\(C\)](#) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, any authority conferred by this subsection on any foreign bank or company to engage in any activity that the Board has determined to be permissible for financial holding companies under [section 4\(k\)](#) of such Act shall terminate immediately.

(B) RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS AUTHORIZED.--If a foreign bank or company that engages, directly or through an affiliate pursuant to paragraph (1), in an activity that the Board has determined to be permissible for financial holding companies under section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 has not filed a declaration with the Board of its status as a financial holding company under such section by the end of the 2-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, the Board, giving due regard to the principle of national treatment and equality of competitive opportunity, may impose such restrictions and requirements on the conduct of such activities by such foreign bank or company as are comparable to those imposed on a financial holding company organized under the laws of the United States, including a requirement to conduct such activities in compliance with any prudential safeguards established under section 114 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to define a branch or agency of a foreign bank or a commercial lending company controlled by a foreign bank or foreign company that controls a foreign bank as a "bank" for the purposes of any provisions of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, or section 105 of the Bank Holding Company Act Amendments of 1970, except that any such branch, agency or commercial lending company subsidiary shall be deemed a "bank" or "banking subsidiary", as the case may be, for the purposes of applying the prohibitions of section 106 of the Bank Holding Company Act Amendments of 1970 and the exemptions provided in sections 4(c)(1), 4(c)(2), 4(c)(3), and 4(c)(4) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 ([12 U.S.C. 1843\(c\)](#)(1), (2), (3), and (4)) to any foreign bank or other company to which subsection (a) applies.

[Codified to 12 U.S.C. 3106]

[Source: Section 8 of the Act of September 17, 1978 (Pub. L. No. 95--369; 92 Stat. 622), effective September 17, 1978; as amended by sections 704 and 705 of title VII of the Act of October 15, 1982 (Pub. L. No. 97--320; 96 Stat. 1539), effective October 15, 1982; section 204 of title II of the Act of August 10, 1987 (Pub. L. No. 100--86; 101 Stat. 584), effective August 10, 1987; section 207 of title II of the Act of December 19, 1991 (Pub. L. No. 102--242; 105 Stat. 2295), effective December 19, 1991; section 141 of title I of the Act of November 12, 1999 (Pub. L. No. 106--102; 113 Stat. 1383), effective March 12, 2000]

## STUDY OF FOREIGN TREATMENT OF UNITED STATES BANKS

SEC. 9. (a) The Secretary of the Treasury, in conjunction with the Secretary of State, the Board, the

Comptroller, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation shall within 90 days after enactment of this bill commence a study of the extent to which banks organized under the laws of the United States or any State thereof are denied, whether by law or practice, national treatment in conducting banking operations in foreign countries, and the effects, if any, of such discrimination on United States exports to those countries. On or before one year after enactment of this section, the Secretary of the Treasury shall be required to report his findings, conclusions, and recommendations from such study to the Congress and describe the efforts undertaken by the United States to eliminate any foreign laws or practices that discriminate against banks organized under the laws of the United States or any State thereof, or that serve as a barrier to the financing of United States exports to any foreign country.

(b)(1) Every branch or agency of a foreign bank and every commercial lending company controlled by one or more foreign banks or by one or more foreign companies that control a foreign bank shall conduct its operations in the United States in full compliance with provisions of any law of the United States or any State thereof which--

(A) impose requirements that protect the rights of consumers in financial transactions, to the extent that the branch, agency, or commercial lending company engages in activities that are subject to such laws;

(B) prohibit discrimination against any individual or other person on the basis of the race, color, religion, sex, marital status, age, or national origin of (i) such individual or other person or (ii) any officer, director, employee, or creditor of, or any owner of any interest in, such individual or other person; and

(C) apply to national banks or State-chartered banks doing business in the State in which such branch or agency or commercial lending company, as the case may be, is doing business.

(2) No application for a branch or agency shall be approved by the Comptroller or by a State bank supervisory authority, as the case may be, unless the entity making the application has agreed to conduct all of its operations in the United States in full compliance with provisions of any law of the United States or any State thereof which--

(A) impose requirements that protect the rights of consumers in financial transactions, to the extent that the branch, agency, or commercial lending company engages in activities that are subject to such laws;

(B) prohibit discrimination against individuals or other persons on the basis of the race, color, religion, sex, marital status, age, or national origin of (i) such individual or other person or (ii) any officer, director, employee, or creditor of, or any owner of any interest in, such individual or other person; and

(C) apply to national banks or State-chartered banks doing business in the State in which the entity to be established is to do business.

*[Codified to 12 U.S.C. 601 note]*

*[Source: Section 9 of the Act of September 17, 1978 (Pub. L. No. 95--369; 92 Stat. 623), effective September 17, 1978, as added by section 311 of the Act of November 10, 1978 (Pub. L. No. 95--630; 92 Stat. 3678), effective March 10, 1979; section 107(c) of title I of the Act of September 29, 1994 (Pub. L. No. 103--328; 108 Stat. 2360), effective September 29, 1994]*

## SEC. 10 REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES

(a) PRIOR APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES.--

(1) IN GENERAL.--No foreign bank may establish a representative office without the prior approval of the Board;

(2) STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL.--In acting on any application under this paragraph to establish a representative office, the Board shall take into account the standards contained in section 7(d)(2) and may impose any additional requirements that the Board determines to be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(b) TERMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES.--The Board may order the termination of the activities of a representative office of a foreign bank on the basis of the standards, procedures, and requirements applicable under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of section 7(d) with respect to branches and agencies.

\* (c) EXAMINATIONS.--The Board may make examinations of each representative office of a foreign bank, the cost of which shall be assessed against and paid by such foreign bank. The Board may also make examinations of any affiliate of a foreign bank conducting business in any State if the Board deems it necessary to determine and enforce compliance with this Act, the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, or other applicable Federal banking law.

(d) COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW.--This Act does not authorize the establishment of a representative office in any State in contravention of State law.

*[Codified to 12 U.S.C. 3107]*

*[Source: Section 10 of the Act of September 17, 1978 (Pub. L. No. 95--369; 92 Stat. 624), effective September 17, 1978; amended by section 204 of title II of the Act of December 19, 1991 (Pub. L. No. 102--242; 105 Stat. 2292), effective December 19, 1991; section 142(b) of title I of the Act of November 12, 1999 (Pub. L. No. 106--102; 113 Stat. 1384), effective March 12, 2000]*

## REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT

SEC. 13. (a) The Comptroller, the Board, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, are authorized and empowered to issue such rules, regulations, and orders as each of them may deem necessary in order to perform their respective duties and functions under this Act and to administer and carry out the provisions and purposes of this Act and prevent evasions thereof.

(b) ENFORCEMENT.--

(1) IN GENERAL.--In addition to any powers, remedies, or sanctions otherwise provided by law, compliance with the requirements imposed under this Act or any amendment made by this Act may be enforced under section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act by any appropriate Federal banking agency as defined in that Act.

(2) AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER OATHS; SUBPOENA POWER.--In the course of, or in connection with, an application, examination, investigation, or other proceeding under this Act, the Board, the Comptroller

of the Currency, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as the case may be, any member of the Board or of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, and any designated representative of the Board, Comptroller, or Corporation (including any person designated to conduct any hearing under this Act) may--

(A) administer oaths and affirmations and take or cause to be taken depositions; and

(B) issue, revoke, quash, or modify any subpoena, including any subpoena requiring the attendance and testimony of a witness or any subpoenas duces tecum.

(3) ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF SUBPOENAS.--

(A) ATTENDANCE AND PRODUCTION AT DESIGNATED SITE.--The attendance of any witness and the production of any document pursuant to a subpoena under paragraph (2) may be required at the place designated in the subpoena from any place in any State (as defined in section 3(a)(3) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act) or other place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(B) SERVICE OF SUBPOENA.--Service of a subpoena issued under this subsection may be made by registered mail, or in such other manner reasonably calculated to give actual notice as the Board, Comptroller of the Currency, or Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation may by regulation or otherwise provide.

(C) FEES AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.--Witnesses subpoenaed under this subsection shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid witnesses in the district courts of the United States.

(4) CONTUMACY OR REFUSAL.--

(A) IN GENERAL.--In the case of contumacy of any person issued a subpoena under this subsection or a refusal by such person to comply with such subpoena, the Board, Comptroller of the Currency, or Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or any other party to proceedings in connection with which subpoena was issued may invoke the aid of--

(i) the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, or

(ii) any district court of the United States within the jurisdiction of which the proceeding is being conducted or the witness resides or carries on business.

(B) COURT ORDER.--Any court referred to in subparagraph (A) may issue an order requiring compliance with a subpoena issued under this subsection.

(5) EXPENSES AND FEES.--Any court having jurisdiction of any proceeding instituted under this subsection may allow any party to such proceeding such reasonable expenses and attorneys' fees as the court deems just and proper.

(6) CRIMINAL PENALTY.--Any person who willfully fails or refuses to attend and testify or to answer any lawful inquiry or to produce books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, contracts, agreements, or other records in accordance with any subpoena under this subsection shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both. Each day during which any such failure or refusal continues shall be treated as a separate offense.

(c) In the case of any provision of the Federal Reserve Act to which a foreign bank or branch thereof is subject under this Act, and which is made applicable to nonmember insured banks by the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, whether by cross-reference to the Federal Reserve Act or by a provision in substantially the same terms in the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, the administration, interpretation, and enforcement of such provision, insofar as it relates to any foreign bank or branch thereof as to which the Board is an appropriate Federal banking agency, are vested in the Board, but where the making of any report to the Board or a Federal Reserve bank is required under any such provision, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation may require that a duplicate of any such report be sent directly to it. This subsection shall not be construed to impair any power of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to make regular or special examination or to require special reports.

*[Codified to 12 U.S.C. 3108]*

*[Source: Section 13 of the Act of September 17, 1978 (Pub. L. No. 95--369; 92 Stat. 624), effective September 17, 1978; amended by section 209 of title II of the Act of December 19, 1991 (Pub. L. No. 102--242; 105 Stat. 2297), effective December 19, 1991]*

#### REPORT ON McFADDEN ACT

SEC. 14. (a) The President, in consultation with the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Board, the Comptroller, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, shall transmit a report to the Congress containing his recommendations concerning the applicability of the McFadden Act to the present financial, banking, and economic environment, including an analysis of the effects of any proposed amendment to such Act on the structure of the banking industry and on the financial and economic environment in general.

(b) The report required by subsection (a) shall be transmitted to the Congress not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act.

*[Codified to 12 U.S.C. 36 note]*

*[Source: Section 14 of the Act of September 17, 1978 (Pub. L. No. 95--369; 92 Stat. 625), effective September 17, 1978]*

#### SEC. 15. COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN SUPERVISORS.

(a) DISCLOSURE OF SUPERVISORY INFORMATION TO FOREIGN SUPERVISORS.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Board, Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision may disclose information obtained in the course of exercising supervisory or examination authority to any foreign bank regulatory or supervisory authority if the Board, Comptroller, Corporation, or Director determines that such disclosure is appropriate and will not prejudice the interests of the United States.

(b) REQUIREMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY.--Before making any disclosure of any information to a foreign authority, the Board, Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision shall obtain, to the extent necessary, the agreement of such foreign authority to maintain the confidentiality of such information to the extent possible under applicable law.

(c) CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN SUPERVISORS.--

(1) IN GENERAL.--Except as provided in paragraph (3), a Federal banking agency may not be compelled to disclose information received from a foreign regulatory or supervisory authority if--

(A) the Federal banking agency determines that the foreign regulatory or supervisory authority has, in good faith, determined and represented in writing to such Federal banking agency that public disclosure of the information would violate the laws applicable to that foreign regulatory or supervisory authority; and

(B) the relevant Federal banking agency obtained such information pursuant to--

(i) such procedures as the Federal banking agency may establish for use in connection with the administration and enforcement of Federal banking laws; or

(ii) a memorandum of understanding or other similar arrangement between the Federal banking agency and the foreign regulatory or supervisory authority.

(2) TREATMENT UNDER TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE.--For purposes of section 552 of title 5, United States Code, this subsection shall be treated as a statute described in subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section.

(3) SAVINGS PROVISION.--No provision of this section shall be construed as--

(A) authorizing any Federal banking agency to withhold any information from any duly authorized committee of the House of Representatives or the Senate; or

(B) preventing any Federal banking agency from complying with an order of a court of the United States in an action commenced by the United States or such agency.

(4) FEDERAL BANKING AGENCY DEFINED.--For purposes of this subsection, the term "Federal banking agency" means the Board, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision.

*[Codified to 12 U.S.C. 3109]*

*[Source: Section 15 of the Act of September 17, 1978 (Pub. L. No. 95--369; 92 Stat. 607), effective September 17, 1978, as added by section 206 of title II of the Act of December 19, 1991 (Pub. L. No. 102--242; 105 Stat. 2294), effective December 19, 1991; section 709 of title VII of the Act of October 13, 2006 (Pub. L. No. 109--351; 120 Stat. 1990), effective October 13, 2006]*

SEC. 16. PENALTIES.

(a) CIVIL MONEY PENALTY.--

(1) IN GENERAL.--Any foreign bank, and any office or subsidiary of a foreign bank, that violates, and any individual who participates in a violation of, any provision of this Act, or any regulation prescribed or order



issued under this Act, shall forfeit and pay a civil penalty of not more than \$25,000 for each day during which such violation continues.

(2) ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES.--Any penalty imposed under paragraph (1) may be assessed and collected by the Board or the Comptroller of the Currency in the manner provided in subparagraphs (E), (F), (G), (H), and (I) of [section 8\(i\)\(2\)](#) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act for penalties imposed (under such section), and any such assessments shall be subject to the provisions of such section.

(3) HEARING PROCEDURE.--[Section 8\(h\)](#) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall apply to any proceeding under this section.

(4) DISBURSEMENT.--All penalties collected under authority of this section shall be deposited into the Treasury.

(5) VIOLATE DEFINED.--For purposes of this section, the term violate includes taking any action (alone or with others) for or toward causing, bringing about, participating in, counseling, or aiding or abetting a violation.

(6) REGULATIONS.--The Board and the Comptroller of the Currency shall each prescribe regulations establishing such procedures as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(b) NOTICE UNDER THIS SECTION AFTER SEPARATION FROM SERVICE.--The resignation, termination of employment or participation, or separation of an institution-affiliated party (within the meaning a section 3(u) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act) with respect to a foreign bank, or any office or subsidiary of a foreign bank (including a separation caused by the termination of a location in the United States), shall not affect the jurisdiction or authority of the Board or the Comptroller of the Currency to issue any notice or to proceed under this section against any such party, if such notice is served before the end of the 6-year period beginning on the date such party ceased to be an institution-affiliated party with respect to such foreign bank or such office or subsidiary of a foreign bank (whether such date occurs on, before, or after the date of the enactment of the Foreign Bank Supervision Enhancement Act of 1991).

(c) PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO MAKE REPORTS.--

(1) FIRST TIER.--Any foreign bank, or any office or subsidiary of a foreign bank, that-

(A) maintains procedures reasonably adapted to avoid any inadvertent error and, unintentionally and as a result of such error--

(i) fails to make, submit, or publish such reports or information as may be required under this Act or under regulations prescribed by the Board or the Comptroller of the Currency under this Act, within the period of time specified by the agency; or

(ii) submits or publishes any false or misleading report or information; or

(B) inadvertently transmits or publishes any report that is minimally late,

shall be subject to a penalty of not more than \$2,000 for each day during which such failure continues or such false or misleading information is not corrected. The foreign bank, or the office or subsidiary of a

foreign bank, shall have the burden of proving that an error was inadvertent and that a report was inadvertently transmitted or published late.

(2) SECOND TIER.--Any foreign bank, or any office or subsidiary of a foreign bank, that--

(A) fails to make, submit, or publish such reports or information as may be required under this Act or under regulations prescribed by the Board or the Comptroller of the Currency pursuant to this Act, within the time period specified by such agency; or

(B) submits or publishes any false or misleading report or information,

in a manner not described in paragraph (1) shall be subject to a penalty of not more than \$20,000 for each day during which such failure continues or such false or misleading information is not corrected.

(3) THIRD TIER.--Notwithstanding paragraph (2), if any company knowingly or with reckless disregard for the accuracy of any information or report described in paragraph (2) submits or publishes any false or misleading report or information, the Board or the Comptroller of the Currency may, in the Board's or Comptroller's discretion, assess a penalty of not more than \$1,000,000 or 1 percent of total assets of such foreign bank, or such office or subsidiary of a foreign bank, whichever is less, per day for each day during which such a failure continues or such false or misleading information is not corrected.

(4) ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES.--Any penalty imposed under paragraph (1), (2), or (3) shall be assessed and collected by the Board or the Comptroller of the Currency in the manner provided in subsection (a)(2) (for penalties imposed under such subsection) and any such assessment (including the determination of the amount of the penalty) shall be subject to the provisions of such subsection.

(5) HEARING PROCEDURE.--[Section 8\(h\)](#) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall apply to any proceeding under this subsection.

*[Codified to 12 U.S.C. 3110]*

*[Source: Section 16 of the Act of September 17, 1978 (Pub. L. 95--369; 92 Stat. 607), effective September 17, 1978, as added by section 208 of title II of the Act of December 19, 1991 (Pub. L. No. 102--242; 105 Stat. 2294), effective December 19, 1991]*

## SEC. 17. CRIMINAL PENALTY

Whoever, with the intent to deceive, to gain financially, or to cause financial gain or loss to any person, knowingly violates any provisions of this Act or any regulation or order issued by the appropriate Federal banking agency under this Act shall be imprisoned not more than 5 years or fined not more than \$1,000,000 for each day during which a violation continues, or both.

*[Codified to 12 U.S.C. 3111]*

*[Source: Section 17 of the Act of September 17, 1978 (Pub. L. No. 95--369; 92 Stat. 607), effective September 17, 1978, as added by section 213 of title II of the Act of December 19, 1991 (Pub. L. No. 102--242; 105 Stat. 2303), effective December 19, 1991]*

\*Section 115(b) of title I of the Act of September 29, 1994 (Pub. L. No. 103--328; 108 Stat. 2368), effective September 29, 1994, provides as follows:

"(b) REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES.--The provision of section 10(c) of the International Banking Act of 1978 relating to the cost of examinations under such section shall not apply with respect to any examination under such section which begins before or during the 3-year period beginning on July 25, 1994." [Go back to Text](#)

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