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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

12 CFR Part 34

[Docket No. OCC–2025–0306]

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Part 226

[Docket No. R–1878]

RIN 7100–AH12

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

12 CFR Part 1026

Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans Exemption Threshold

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury (OCC); Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau).

ACTION: Final rules and official interpretations.

SUMMARY: The OCC, the Board, and the Bureau are finalizing amendments to the official interpretations for their regulations that implement section 129H of the Truth in Lending Act (TILA). Section 129H of TILA establishes special appraisal requirements for “higher-risk mortgages,” termed “higher-priced mortgage loans” or “HPMLs” in the agencies’ regulations. A December 2013 rulemaking exempted transactions of \$25,000 or less and required that this loan amount be adjusted annually based on any annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI–W). Based on the CPI–W in effect as of June 1, 2025, the exemption threshold will increase from \$33,500 to \$34,200, effective January 1, 2026.

DATES: This final rule is effective January 1, 2026.

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Board: Lorna M. Neill, Senior Counsel, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, at (202) 452–3667. For users of text telephone systems (TTY) or any TTY-based Telecommunications Relay Services, please call 711 from any telephone, anywhere in the United States.

Bureau: Dave Gettler, Paralegal Specialist, Office of Regulations, at 202–435–7700 or at: <https://reginquiries.consumerfinance.gov/>. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (Dodd-Frank Act) amended TILA to add special appraisal requirements for “higher-risk mortgages.”¹ In January 2013, the OCC, the Board, the Bureau, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), and the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) (collectively, the Agencies) jointly issued a final rule implementing these requirements and adopted the term “higher-priced mortgage loan” (HPML) instead of “higher-risk mortgage” (January 2013 Final Rule).² In July 2013, the Agencies proposed additional exemptions from the January 2013 Final Rule.³ In December 2013, the Agencies issued a supplemental final rule with additional exemptions from the January 2013 Final Rule (December 2013 Supplemental Final Rule).⁴ Among other exemptions, the Agencies adopted an exemption from the new HPML appraisal rules for transactions of

\$25,000 or less, to be adjusted annually for inflation.

The OCC’s, Board’s, and Bureau’s versions of the January 2013 Final Rule and December 2013 Supplemental Final Rule and corresponding official interpretations are substantively identical. The FDIC, NCUA, and FHFA adopted the Bureau’s version of the regulations under the January 2013 Final Rule and December 2013 Supplemental Final Rule.⁵

The OCC’s, Board’s, and Bureau’s regulations,⁶ and their accompanying official interpretations,⁷ provide that the exemption threshold for smaller loans will be adjusted effective January 1 of each year based on any annual percentage increase in the CPI–W that was in effect on the preceding June 1. Any increase in the threshold amount will be rounded to the nearest \$100 increment. For example, if the annual percentage increase in the CPI–W would result in a \$950 increase in the threshold amount, the threshold amount will be increased by \$1,000. However, if the annual percentage increase in the CPI–W would result in a \$949 increase in the threshold amount, the threshold amount will be increased by \$900. If there is no annual percentage increase in the CPI–W, the OCC, the Board, and the Bureau will not adjust the threshold amounts from the prior year.⁸

On November 30, 2016, the OCC, the Board, and the Bureau published a final rule in the **Federal Register** to memorialize the calculation method used by the OCC, the Board, and the Bureau each year to adjust the exemption threshold to ensure that the values for the exemption threshold keep pace with the CPI–W (HPML Small Dollar Adjustment Calculation Rule).⁹ The HPML Small Dollar Adjustment Calculation Rule memorialized the

⁵ See NCUA: 12 CFR 722.3; FHFA: 12 CFR part 1222. Although the FDIC adopted the Bureau’s version of the regulation, the FDIC did not issue its own regulation containing a cross-reference to the Bureau’s version. See 78 FR 10368 at 10370.

⁶ 12 CFR 34.203(b)(2) (OCC); 12 CFR 226.43(b)(2) (Board); and 12 CFR 1026.35(c)(2)(ii) (Bureau).

⁷ 12 CFR part 34, appendix C to subpart G, comment 203(b)(2)–1 (OCC); 12 CFR part 226, supplement I, comment 43(b)(2)–1 (Board); and 12 CFR part 1026, supplement I, comment 35(c)(2)(ii)–1 (Bureau).

⁸ See 12 CFR part 34, appendix C to subpart G, comment 203(b)(2)–1 and –2 (OCC); 12 CFR part 226, supplement I, comment 43(b)(2)–1 and –2 (Board); and 12 CFR part 1026, supplement I, comment 35(c)(2)(ii)–1 and –2 (Bureau).

⁹ See 81 FR 86250 (Nov. 30, 2016).

¹ Public Law 111–203, sec. 1471, 124 Stat. 1376, 2185–87 (2010), codified at TILA sec. 129H, 15 U.S.C. 1639h.

² 78 FR 10368 (Feb. 13, 2013).

³ 78 FR 48548 (Aug. 8, 2013).

⁴ 78 FR 78520 (Dec. 26, 2013).

policy that, if there is no annual percentage increase in the CPI-W, the OCC, Board, and Bureau will not adjust the exemption threshold from the prior year. The HPML Small Dollar Adjustment Calculation Rule also provided that, in years following a year in which the exemption threshold was not adjusted because there was a decrease in the CPI-W from the previous year, the threshold is calculated by applying the annual percentage change in the CPI-W to the dollar amount that would have resulted, after rounding, if the decreases and any subsequent increases in the CPI-W had been taken into account. If the resulting amount calculated, after rounding, is greater than the current threshold, then the threshold effective January 1 the following year will increase accordingly; if the resulting amount calculated, after rounding, is equal to or less than the current threshold, then the threshold effective January 1 the following year will not change, but future increases will be calculated based on the amount that would have resulted, after rounding.

II. 2026 Adjustment and Official Interpretations Revision

Effective January 1, 2026, the exemption threshold amount is increased from \$33,500 to \$34,200. This amount is based on the CPI-W in effect on June 1, 2025, which was reported on May 13, 2025 (based on April 2025 data).¹⁰ The CPI-W is a subset of the CPI-U index (based on all urban consumers) and represents approximately 30 percent of the U.S. population. The CPI-W reported on May 13, 2025, reflects a 2.1 percent increase in the CPI-W from April 2024 to April 2025. Accordingly, the 2.1 percent increase in the CPI-W from April 2024 to April 2025 results in an exemption threshold amount of \$34,200, after rounding. The OCC, the Board, and the Bureau are revising the official interpretations to their respective regulations to add new comments as follows:

- Comment 203(b)(2)–3.xiii to 12 CFR part 34, appendix C to subpart G (OCC);
- Comment 43(b)(2)–3.xiii to supplement I of 12 CFR part 226 (Board); and
- Comment 35(c)(2)(ii)–3.xiii to supplement I of 12 CFR part 1026 (Bureau).

¹⁰ The Bureau of Labor Statistics calculates consumer-based indices for each month but does not report those indices until the middle of the following month. As such, the most recently reported indices as of June 1, 2025, were reported on May 13, 2025, and reflect economic conditions in April 2025.

These new comments state that, from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, the threshold amount is \$34,200. These revisions are effective January 1, 2026.

III. Regulatory Analysis

Administrative Procedure Act

Under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), notice and opportunity for public comment are not required if the agency finds that notice and public comment are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.¹¹ The amendments in this rule are technical and apply the method previously memorialized in the December 2013 Supplemental Final Rule and the HPML Small Dollar Adjustment Calculation Rule. For these reasons, the OCC, the Board, and the Bureau have determined that publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking and providing opportunity for public comment are unnecessary. Therefore, the amendments are adopted in final form.

Section 553(d) of the APA generally requires publication of a final rule not less than 30 days before its effective date, except in the case of (1) a substantive rule which grants or recognizes an exemption or relieves a restriction; (2) interpretive rules and statements of policy; or (3) as otherwise provided by the agency for good cause found and published with the rule.¹² At a minimum, the OCC, the Board, and the Bureau have determined that the amendments fall under the third exception to section 553(d). The OCC, the Board, and the Bureau find that there is good cause to make the amendments effective on January 1, 2026. The amendments in this final rule are technical and non-discretionary, and apply the method previously established in the regulations for determining adjustments to the threshold.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) does not apply to a rulemaking where a general notice of proposed rulemaking is not required.¹³ As noted previously, the OCC, the Board, and the Bureau have determined that it is unnecessary to publish a general notice of proposed rulemaking for this final rule. Accordingly, the RFA's requirements relating to an initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis do not apply.

¹¹ 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B).

¹² 5 U.S.C. 553(d).

¹³ 5 U.S.C. 603(a), 604(a).

Paperwork Reduction Act

The OCC, the Board, and the Bureau reviewed this final rule in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.¹⁴ The OCC, the Board, and the Bureau have determined that this rule does not create any new information collections or substantially revise any existing collections.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The OCC analyzes proposed rules for the factors listed in section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, before promulgating a final rule for which a general notice of proposed rulemaking was published.¹⁵ As discussed above, the OCC has determined that the publication of a general notice of proposed rulemaking is unnecessary.

Executive Order 12866

The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs within the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined that this action is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866, as amended.

Bureau Congressional Review Act Statement

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*), the Bureau will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to the rule taking effect. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has designated this rule as not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects

12 CFR Part 34

Accounting, Banks, Banking, Consumer protection, Credit, Mortgages, National banks, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Savings associations, Truth-in-lending.

12 CFR Part 226

Advertising, Appraisal, Appraiser, Consumer protection, Credit, Federal Reserve System, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Truth-in-lending.

12 CFR Part 1026

Advertising, Banks, Banking, Consumer protection, Credit, Credit unions, Mortgages, National banks, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Savings associations, Truth-in-lending.

¹⁴ 44 U.S.C. 3506; 5 CFR part 1320.

¹⁵ 2 U.S.C. 1532.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Authority and Issuance

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the OCC amends 12 CFR part 34 as set forth below:

PART 34—REAL ESTATE LENDING AND APPRAISALS

- 1. The authority citation for part 34 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*, 25b, 29, 93a, 371, 1462a, 1463, 1464, 1465, 1701j–3, 1828(o), 3331 *et seq.*, 5101 *et seq.*, 5412(b)(2)(B) and 15 U.S.C. 1639h.

- 2. In appendix C to subpart G, under *Section 34.203—Appraisals for higher-priced mortgage loans*, paragraph 34.203(b)(2) is revised to read as follows:

Appendix C to Subpart G—OCC Interpretations

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Section 34.203—Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans

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Paragraph 34.203(b)(2).

Threshold amount. For purposes of § 34.203(b)(2), the threshold amount in effect during a particular period is the amount stated in comment 203(b)(2)–3 for that period. The threshold amount is adjusted effective January 1 of each year by any annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI–W) that was in effect on the preceding June 1. Comment 203(b)(2)–3 will be amended to provide the threshold amount for the upcoming year after the annual percentage change in the CPI–W that was in effect on June 1 becomes available. Any increase in the threshold amount will be rounded to the nearest \$100 increment. For example, if the annual percentage increase in the CPI–W would result in a \$950 increase in the threshold amount, the threshold amount will be increased by \$1,000. However, if the annual percentage increase in the CPI–W would result in a \$949 increase in the threshold amount, the threshold amount will be increased by \$900.

2. **No increase in the CPI–W.** If the CPI–W in effect on June 1 does not increase from the CPI–W in effect on June 1 of the previous year, the threshold amount effective the following January 1 through December 31 will not change from the previous year. When this occurs, for the years that follow, the threshold is calculated based on the annual percentage change in the CPI–W applied to the dollar amount that would have resulted, after rounding, if decreases and any subsequent increases in the CPI–W had been taken into account.

i. **Net increases.** If the resulting amount calculated, after rounding, is greater than the current threshold, then the threshold effective January 1 the following year will increase accordingly.

ii. **Net decreases.** If the resulting amount calculated, after rounding, is equal to or less than the current threshold, then the threshold effective January 1 the following year will not change, but future increases will be calculated based on the amount that would have resulted.

3. **Threshold.** For purposes of § 34.203(b)(2), the threshold amount in effect during a particular period is the amount stated in the following for that period.

i. From January 18, 2014, through December 31, 2014, the threshold amount is \$25,000.

ii. From January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, the threshold amount is \$25,500.

iii. From January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, the threshold amount is \$25,500.

iv. From January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, the threshold amount is \$25,500.

v. From January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, the threshold amount is \$26,000.

vi. From January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, the threshold amount is \$26,700.

vii. From January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, the threshold amount is \$27,200.

viii. From January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, the threshold amount is \$27,200.

ix. From January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, the threshold amount is \$28,500.

x. From January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, the threshold amount is \$31,000.

xi. From January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, the threshold amount is \$32,400.

xii. From January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, the threshold amount is \$33,500.

xiii. From January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, the threshold amount is \$34,200.

4. **Qualifying for exemption—in general.** A transaction is exempt under § 34.203(b)(2) if the creditor makes an extension of credit at consummation that is equal to or below the threshold amount in effect at the time of consummation.

5. **Qualifying for exemption—subsequent changes.** A transaction does not meet the condition for an exemption under § 34.203(b)(2) merely because it is used to satisfy and replace an existing exempt loan unless the amount of the new extension of credit is equal to or less than the applicable threshold amount. For example, assume a closed-end loan that qualified for a § 34.203(b)(2) exemption at consummation in year one is refinanced in year ten and that the new loan amount is greater than the threshold amount in effect in year ten. In these circumstances, the creditor must comply with all of the applicable requirements of § 34.203 with respect to the year ten transaction if the original loan is satisfied and replaced by the new loan unless another exemption from the requirements of § 34.203 applies. *See* § 34.203(b) and (d)(7).

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Authority and Issuance

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Board amends Regulation Z, 12 CFR part 226, as set forth below:

PART 226—TRUTH IN LENDING (REGULATION Z)

- 3. The authority citation for part 226 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 3806; 15 U.S.C. 1604, 1637(c)(5), 1639(l), and 1639h; Pub. L. 111–24, section 2, 123 Stat. 1734; Pub. L. 111–203, 124 Stat. 1376.

- 4. In supplement I to part 226, under *Section 226.43—Appraisals for Higher-Risk Mortgage Loans*, paragraph 43(b)(2) is revised to read as follows:

Supplement I to Part 226—Official Staff Interpretations

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Section 226.43—Appraisals for Higher-Risk Mortgage Loans

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Paragraph 43(b)(2).

1. **Threshold amount.** For purposes of § 226.43(b)(2), the threshold amount in effect during a particular period is the amount stated in comment 43(b)(2)–3 for that period. The threshold amount is adjusted effective January 1 of each year by any annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI–W) that was in effect on the preceding June 1. Comment 43(b)(2)–3 will be amended to provide the threshold amount for the upcoming year after the annual percentage change in the CPI–W that was in effect on June 1 becomes available. Any increase in the threshold amount will be rounded to the nearest \$100 increment. For example, if the annual percentage increase in the CPI–W would result in a \$950 increase in the threshold amount, the threshold amount will be increased by \$1,000. However, if the annual percentage increase in the CPI–W would result in a \$949 increase in the threshold amount, the threshold amount will be increased by \$900.

2. **No increase in the CPI–W.** If the CPI–W in effect on June 1 does not increase from the CPI–W in effect on June 1 of the previous year, the threshold amount effective the following January 1 through December 31 will not change from the previous year. When this occurs, for the years that follow, the threshold is calculated based on the annual percentage change in the CPI–W applied to the dollar amount that would have resulted, after rounding, if decreases and any subsequent increases in the CPI–W had been taken into account.

i. **Net increases.** If the resulting amount calculated, after rounding, is greater than the current threshold, then the threshold effective January 1 the following year will increase accordingly.

ii. **Net decreases.** If the resulting amount calculated, after rounding, is equal to or less

than the current threshold, then the threshold effective January 1 the following year will not change, but future increases will be calculated based on the amount that would have resulted.

3. *Threshold.* For purposes of § 226.43(b)(2), the threshold amount in effect during a particular period is the amount stated in the following for that period.

i. From January 18, 2014, through December 31, 2014, the threshold amount is \$25,000.

ii. From January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, the threshold amount is \$25,500.

iii. From January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, the threshold amount is \$25,500.

iv. From January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, the threshold amount is \$25,500.

v. From January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, the threshold amount is \$26,000.

vi. From January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, the threshold amount is \$26,700.

vii. From January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, the threshold amount is \$27,200.

viii. From January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, the threshold amount is \$27,200.

ix. From January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, the threshold amount is \$28,500.

x. From January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, the threshold amount is \$31,000.

xi. From January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, the threshold amount is \$32,400.

xii. From January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, the threshold amount is \$33,500.

xiii. From January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, the threshold amount is \$34,200.

4. *Qualifying for exemption—in general.* A transaction is exempt under § 226.43(b)(2) if the creditor makes an extension of credit at consummation that is equal to or below the threshold amount in effect at the time of consummation.

5. *Qualifying for exemption—subsequent changes.* A transaction does not meet the condition for an exemption under § 226.43(b)(2) merely because it is used to satisfy and replace an existing exempt loan unless the amount of the new extension of credit is equal to or less than the applicable threshold amount. For example, assume a closed-end loan that qualified for a § 226.43(b)(2) exemption at consummation in year one is refinanced in year ten and that the new loan amount is greater than the threshold amount in effect in year ten. In these circumstances, the creditor must comply with all of the applicable requirements of § 226.43 with respect to the year ten transaction if the original loan is satisfied and replaced by the new loan unless another exemption from the requirements of § 226.43 applies. See § 226.43(b) and (d)(7).

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CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Authority and Issuance

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Bureau amends Regulation Z, 12 CFR part 1026, as set forth below:

PART 1026—TRUTH IN LENDING (REGULATION Z)

■ 5. The authority citation for part 1026 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 2601, 2603–2605, 2607, 2609, 2617, 3353, 5511, 5512, 5532, 5581; 15 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*

■ 6. In supplement I to part 1026, under *Section 1026.35—Requirements for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans*, paragraph 35(c)(2)(ii) is revised to read as follows:

Supplement I to Part 1026—Official Interpretations

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Section 1026.35—Requirements for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans

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Paragraph 35(c)(2)(ii).

1. *Threshold amount.* For purposes of § 1026.35(c)(2)(ii), the threshold amount in effect during a particular period is the amount stated in comment 35(c)(2)(ii)–3 for that period. The threshold amount is adjusted effective January 1 of each year by any annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI–W) that was in effect on the preceding June 1. Comment 35(c)(2)(ii)–3 will be amended to provide the threshold amount for the upcoming year after the annual percentage change in the CPI–W that was in effect on June 1 becomes available. Any increase in the threshold amount will be rounded to the nearest \$100 increment. For example, if the annual percentage increase in the CPI–W would result in a \$950 increase in the threshold amount, the threshold amount will be increased by \$1,000. However, if the annual percentage increase in the CPI–W would result in a \$949 increase in the threshold amount, the threshold amount will be increased by \$900.

2. *No increase in the CPI–W.* If the CPI–W in effect on June 1 does not increase from the CPI–W in effect on June 1 of the previous year, the threshold amount effective the following January 1 through December 31 will not change from the previous year. When this occurs, for the years that follow, the threshold is calculated based on the annual percentage change in the CPI–W applied to the dollar amount that would have resulted, after rounding, if decreases and any subsequent increases in the CPI–W had been taken into account.

i. *Net increases.* If the resulting amount calculated, after rounding, is greater than the current threshold, then the threshold effective January 1 the following year will increase accordingly.

ii. *Net decreases.* If the resulting amount calculated, after rounding, is equal to or less than the current threshold, then the threshold effective January 1 the following year will not change, but future increases will be calculated based on the amount that would have resulted.

3. *Threshold.* For purposes of § 1026.35(c)(2)(ii), the threshold amount in effect during a particular period is the amount stated in the following for that period.

i. From January 18, 2014, through December 31, 2014, the threshold amount is \$25,000.

ii. From January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, the threshold amount is \$25,500.

iii. From January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, the threshold amount is \$25,500.

iv. From January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, the threshold amount is \$25,500.

v. From January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, the threshold amount is \$26,000.

vi. From January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, the threshold amount is \$26,700.

vii. From January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, the threshold amount is \$27,200.

viii. From January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, the threshold amount is \$27,200.

ix. From January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, the threshold amount is \$28,500.

x. From January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, the threshold amount is \$31,000.

xi. From January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, the threshold amount is \$32,400.

xii. From January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, the threshold amount is \$33,500.

xiii. From January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, the threshold amount is \$34,200.

4. *Qualifying for exemption—in general.* A transaction is exempt under § 1026.35(c)(2)(ii) if the creditor makes an extension of credit at consummation that is equal to or below the threshold amount in effect at the time of consummation.

5. *Qualifying for exemption—subsequent changes.* A transaction does not meet the condition for an exemption under § 1026.35(c)(2)(ii) merely because it is used to satisfy and replace an existing exempt loan unless the amount of the new extension of credit is equal to or less than the applicable threshold amount. For example, assume a closed-end loan that qualified for a § 1026.35(c)(2)(ii) exemption at consummation in year one is refinanced in year ten and that the new loan amount is greater than the threshold amount in effect in year ten. In these circumstances, the creditor must comply with all of the applicable requirements of § 1026.35(c) with respect to the year ten transaction if the original loan is satisfied and replaced by the new loan unless another exemption from the

requirements of § 1026.35(c) applies. See § 1026.35(c)(2) and (c)(4)(vii).

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Jonathan V. Gould,
Comptroller of the Currency.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, acting through the Secretary of the Board under delegated authority.

Benjamin W. McDonough,
Deputy Secretary of the Board.

Russell Vought,
Acting Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2025-5385; Project Identifier MCAI-2025-01589-R; Amendment 39-23213; AD 2025-25-05]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH (AHD) Helicopters

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH (AHD) Model BO-105A, BO-105C, BO-105S, BO-105LS A-3, MBB-BK 117 A-3, MBB-BK 117 A-4, MBB-BK 117 B-1, MBB-BK 117 B-2, and MBB-BK 117 C-1 helicopters. This AD was prompted by a report of a crack found on the fork lever of the mixing lever assembly. This AD requires visually inspecting the fork lever for cracks and the mixing lever assembly for missing components, damage, or corrosion. Depending on the results of these inspections, this AD requires taking corrective action and reporting the results of the inspection to the manufacturer. Lastly, this AD prohibits installing affected fork levers unless certain requirements are met. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective December 31, 2025.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of December 31, 2025.

The FAA must receive comments on this AD by January 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **Fax:** (202) 493-2251.

- **Mail:** U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- **Hand Delivery:** Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2025-5385; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) material identified in this final rule, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email ADS@easa.europa.eu; internet easa.europa.eu. You may find the EASA material on the EASA website at ad.easa.europa.eu.

- You may view this material at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Room 6N-321, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110. It is also available at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2025-5385.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites you to send any written data, views, or arguments about this final rule. Send your comments using a method listed under **ADDRESSES**. Include “Docket No. FAA-2025-5385; Project Identifier MCAI-2025-01589-R” at the beginning of your comments. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the final rule, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. The FAA will consider all comments

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Background

EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA AD 2025-0217, dated October 1, 2025 (EASA AD 2025-0217) (also referred to as the MCAI), to correct an unsafe condition on AHD Model BO105 A, BO105 C, BO105 D, BO105 S, BO105 LS A-3 (including helicopters modified in accordance with EASA Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) 10039633), or previously by LBA STC EMZ NR. 0654/3058 (so called “Superlifter”), MBB-BK 117 A-3, MBB-BK 117 A-4, MBB-BK 117 B-1, MBB-BK 117 B-2, and MBB-BK 117 C-1 helicopters. The MCAI states that there was a report of a crack on the fork lever of a Model MBB-BK117 helicopter. The MCAI further states that due to similarity of design, the same unsafe condition could also affect Model BO105 helicopters. EASA considers this MCAI an interim action and further action may follow.