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To: Clients and Friends

From: David F. Dulock

Subject: Regulation Z HOEPA and Qualified Mortgage Annual Threshold Adjustments

In the November 2, 2021, issue of the *Federal Register* (86 FR 60357, <u>click here</u>), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau established the following 2022 thresholds for high-cost and qualified mortgages under §§1026.32 and 1026.43, respectively.

HOEPA (High-cost Mortgages) 2022 Threshold Adjustments

• Effective January 1, 2021, a consumer loan secured by the consumer's principal dwelling and not otherwise exempt is a high-cost mortgage based on the total points and fees payable by the consumer under \$1026.32(a)(1)(ii) if the points and fees exceed: (A) 5 percent of the total loan amount for a loan with a loan amount of \$22,969 or more, or (B) the lesser of 8 percent of the total loan amount or \$1,148 for a loan with a loan amount of less than \$22,969. Comment 32(a)(1)(ii)-1.viii is added to reflect the new \$1,148 threshold amount for 2022. Comment 32(a)(1)(ii)-3.viii is added to reflect the new \$22,969 threshold loan amount for 2022.

Qualified Mortgages 2022 Threshold Adjustments

• Effective January 1, 2021, for purposes of determining whether a covered transaction is a qualified mortgage under §1026.43(e), a covered transaction is not a qualified mortgage unless the transaction's total points and fees in §1026.43(e)(3)(i) do not exceed: (A) 3 percent of the total loan amount for a loan amount greater than or equal to \$114,847; (B) \$3,445; for a loan amount greater than or equal \$68,908 but less than \$114,847; (C) 5 percent of the total loan amount for a loan amount greater than or equal to \$22,969 but less than \$68,908; (D) \$1,148 for a loan amount greater than or equal to \$14,356 but less than \$22,969; and (E) 8 percent of the total loan amount for a loan amount less than \$14,356. Comment 43(e)(3)(ii)-1.viii is added to reflect the new threshold amounts for 2022.

The above threshold adjustments are effective January 1, 2022 and will require updates to your software calculations for high-cost and qualified mortgages closing on and after the effective date.

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