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§ 1951.652 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, the following definitions apply:

(a) *Active borrower.* A borrower who has an outstanding account in the records of the Finance Office, including collection-only or an unsatisfied account balance where a voluntary conveyance was accepted without release from liability or foreclosure did not satisfy the indebtedness.

(b) *Assistance.* Financial assistance in the form of a loan, grant, or subsidy received.

(c) *Debt instrument.* Used as a collective term to include promissory note, assumption agreement, grant agreement/resolution, or bond.

(d) *False information.* Information, known to be incorrect, provided with the intent to obtain benefits which would not have been obtainable based on correct information.

(e) *Inaccurate information.* Incorrect information provided inadvertently without intent to obtain benefits fraudulently.

(f) *Inactive borrower.* A former borrower whose loan(s) has(have) been paid in full or assumed by another party(ies) and who does not have an outstanding account in the records of the Finance Office.

(g) *Recipient.* "Recipient" refers to an individual or entity that received a loan, or portion of a loan, an interest subsidy, or a grant which was unauthorized or was not made subject to restrictive-use provisions required by law and/or regulation.

(h) *Unauthorized assistance.* Any loan, interest subsidy, or grant, or any portion thereof, received by a borrower or grantee for which there was no regulatory authorization, or for which the recipient was not eligible.

Interest subsidy includes interest credits, rental assistance, and subsidy benefits received because a loan was made at a lower interest rate than that to which the recipient was entitled, whether the incorrect interest rate was selected erroneously by the approval official, or the documents were prepared in error.

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§ 1951.653 Policy.

When unauthorized assistance has been received, an effort must be made to collect the sum which is determined to be unauthorized from the recipient, regardless of amount, unless any applicable statute of limitations has expired.

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§ 1951.654 Categories of unauthorized assistance.

Unauthorized assistance includes, but is not limited to, these categories:

(a) The recipient was not eligible for the assistance.

(b) The property, as approved, does not qualify for the program. For example: An RRH or LH project which clearly is above modest in size, design and/or cost or was not located in an area designated as rural when the initial loan was made.

(c) The loan or grant was made for unauthorized purposes. For example: Purchase of an excessive amount of land.

(d) The recipient was granted unauthorized subsidy in the form of:

(1) Interest credits (IC) on an RRH loan;

(2) Rental Assistance (RA) in connection with an RRH or LH loan; or

(3) A subsidy benefit received through use of an incorrect interest rate.

(e) The recipient was not subjected to obligations required by the assistance, such as restrictive-use provisions, at the time the assistance was provided.

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§ 1951.656 Initial determination that unauthorized assistance was received.

Unauthorized assistance may be identified through audits conducted by the Office of the Inspector General, USDA, (OIG); through reviews made by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 personnel; or through other means such as information provided by a private citizen which documents that unauthorized assistance has been received by a recipient of FmHA or its