

§303.0(b)(18) of this chapter, where any noninsured institution receives deposits or similar liabilities.

(d) *Required changes in official sign.* The Corporation may require any insured savings association upon at least 30 days' written notice, to change the wording of its official signs in a manner deemed necessary for the protection of depositors or others.

(e) *Display of official bank sign by insured savings association prohibited.* An insured savings association shall not display the bank sign at its principal place of business or at any of its branches.

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§329.0 Scope.

This part applies to any deposit which is payable by a bank within the States of the United States or the District of Columbia, or which is directly or indirectly accessible by check, draft, or order payable within the States of the United States or the District of Columbia, which check, draft or order is drawn on an account maintained at a bank office located within the States of the United States or the District of Columbia. An *international banking facility time deposit*, as defined by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in §204.8(a)(2) of this title, is not a *deposit* within the meaning of this part.

§329.1 Definitions.

(a) The term *bank* includes:

(1) Any State bank, as defined in section 3(a) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. 1813(a), the deposits in which are insured by the Corporation, and which is not a member of the Federal Reserve System;

(2) Any State branch of a foreign bank, the deposit obligations in which branch are insured by the Corporation; and

(3) Any noninsured bank in a State if the total amount of time and savings deposits held in all such banks in the State, plus the total amount of deposits, shares, and withdrawable accounts held in all building and loan, savings and loan, and homestead associations (including cooperative banks) in the State which are not members of a Federal home loan bank, is more than 20 per centum of the total amount of such deposits, shares, and withdrawable accounts held in all banks and building and loan, savings and loan, and homestead associations (including cooperative banks) in the State.

(b) The term *demand deposit* includes:

(1) Any deposit that has a maturity or required-notice period of less than seven days;

(2) Any deposit regarding which the bank does not reserve the right to require at least seven days' written notice prior to withdrawal or transfer of any funds from the account; or

(3) Any other deposit from which, under the terms of the deposit contract, the depositor is authorized to make, during any month or statement cycle of at least four weeks, more than six transfers by means of a preauthorized or automatic transfer or telephonic (including data transmission) agreement, order or instruction, which transfers are made to another account of the depositor at the same bank, to the bank itself, or to a third party:

Provided, That any deposit specified in this paragraph (b)(3) will be deemed to be a *demand deposit* if more than three of the six authorized transfers are authorized to be made by check, draft, debit card or similar order made by the depositor;

And provided further, That no deposit specified in this paragraph (3) will be deemed to be a *demand deposit* if the entire beneficial interest of the deposit is

held by a depositor identified in paragraph (2) of section 2(a) of Pub. L. 93-100 (12 U.S.C. 1832(a)(2)).¹

(c) The term *interest* means any payment to or for the account of any depositor as compensation for the use of funds constituting a deposit. A bank's absorption of expenses incident to providing a normal banking function or its forbearance from charging a fee in connection with such a service is not considered a payment of interest.

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§ 329.2 Payment of interest.

No bank shall, directly or indirectly, by any device whatsoever, pay interest on any demand deposit.

§ 329.3 Exception to prohibition on payment of interest.

Section 329.2 shall not apply to the payment of interest or other remuneration on any deposit which, if held by a member bank, would be allowable under 12 U.S.C. 371a and 461, or by regulation of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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¹Paragraph (1) of 12 U.S.C. 1832(a) authorizes banks to let certain depositors make withdrawals from interest-bearing deposits by negotiable or transferable instruments for the purpose of making transfers to third parties—*i.e.*, to hold deposits commonly called *NOW accounts*.

Paragraph (2) of 12 U.S.C. 1832(a) provides: "Paragraph (1) shall apply only with respect to deposits or accounts which consist solely of funds in which the entire beneficial interest is held by one or more individuals or by an organization which is operated primarily for religious, philanthropic, charitable, educational, political, or other similar purposes and which is not operated for profit, and with respect to deposits of public funds by an officer, employee, or agent of the United States, any State, county, municipality, or political subdivision thereof, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, any territory or possession of the United States, or any political subdivision thereof.

§ 329.101 Transfers not included within the six transfers allowed for non-demand deposits pursuant to § 329.1(b)(3).

This interpretive rule describes certain transfers that are not included as any of the six transfers allowed pursuant to § 329.1(b)(3).

(a) Transfers from a deposit described in § 329.1(b)(3) that are made to the bank are not deemed to be included within the six transfers permitted for a nondemand deposit by that paragraph (3) when the transfers are made for the purpose of repaying loans and associated expenses at the bank (as originator or servicer). This exemption does not apply to transfers to the bank that are made for the purpose of repaying loans that are made by the bank to the depositor's demand account for the purpose of covering overdrafts.

(b) Transfers from a deposit described in § 329.1(b)(3) that are made to another account of the same depositor at the bank are not deemed to be included within the six transfers permitted for a nondemand deposit by that paragraph (3) when the transfers are made by mail, messenger, automated teller machine or in person.

(c) Withdrawals from a deposit described in § 329.1(b)(3) are not deemed to be included within the six transfers permitted for a nondemand deposit by that paragraph (3) when the withdrawals are made by mail, messenger, telephone (via check mailed to the depositor), automated teller machine, or in person.

§ 329.102 Deposits described in § 329.1(b)(3).

This interpretive rule explains the second proviso of § 329.1(b)(3).

(a) No deposit described in § 329.1(b)(3) that is held by an organization that is not organized for profit and that is described in paragraphs 501(c) (3) through (13) and (19) and section 528 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 501(c) (3) through (13) and (19), and 528) is deemed to be a demand deposit. Actual Internal Revenue Service documentation of the organization's tax-exempt status is not required; it is merely an aid in making the determination.

(b) No deposit described in § 329.1(b)(3) that is held by a depositor identified in