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might pose physical danger, a written bid may be submitted to the party holding the sale. The bid(s) will be the lesser of:

(i) The market value of the item(s) less the estimated costs involved in the acquisition, care, and sale of the item(s) of security; or

(ii) The unpaid balance of the borrower's secured FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 debt plus prior liens, if any.

(2) Bids will not be made in the following situations unless authorized by the State Director:

(i) When chattel property under prior lien has a market value which is not significantly more than the amount owed the prior lienholder. If FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 holds a junior lien on several items of chattel property, advice should be obtained from the State Director on bidding.

(ii) After sufficient chattel property has been bid in by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 to satisfy the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 debt; prior liens, and cost of the sale.

(iii) When the sale is being conducted by a lienholder junior to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354.

(iv) At a private sale.

(v) When the sale is being conducted under the terms of Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 455-3, "Agreement for Sale by Borrower (Chattels and/or Real Estate)".

(g) *Payment of costs.* Costs to be paid by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 in connection with acquisition of chattel property will be paid as outlined in §1955.5(d) of this subpart as recoverable costs.

NOTE: Payment of other lienholders' debts in connection with voluntary conveyance of chattels is not authorized.

(h) *Reporting acquisition of chattel property.* Acquisition of chattel property will be reported by use of Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1955-3 prepared and

distributed in accordance with the FMI.

[50 FR 23904, June 7, 1985, as amended at 50 FR 45783, Nov. 1, 1985; 51 FR 45433, Dec. 18, 1986; 53 FR 27828 July 25, 1988; 53 FR 35764, Sept. 14, 1988; 60 FR 28320, May 31, 1995]

§ 1955.21 Exception authority.

The Administrator may, in individual cases, make an exception to any requirement or provision of this subpart or address any omission of this subpart which is not inconsistent with the authorizing statute or other applicable law if the Administrator determines that the Government's interest would be adversely affected or the immediate health and/or safety of tenants or the community are endangered if there is no adverse effect on the Government's interest. The Administrator will exercise this authority upon the request of the State Director with recommendation of the appropriate program Assistant Administrator; or upon request initiated by the appropriate program Assistant Administrator. Requests for exceptions must be made in writing and supported with documentation to explain the adverse effect, propose alternative courses of action, and show how the adverse effect will be eliminated or minimized if the exception is granted.

§ 1955.22 State supplements.

State Supplements will be prepared with the assistance of OGC as necessary to comply with State laws or only as specifically authorized in this regulation to provide guidance to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 officials. State supplements will be submitted to the National Office for post approval in accordance with FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 Instruction 2006-B (available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 office).

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§ 1955.50 OMB control number.

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EXHIBITS A-F TO SUBPART A OF PART
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Subpart B—Management of Property

SOURCE: 53 FR 35765, Sept. 14, 1988, unless otherwise noted.

§ 1955.51 Purpose.

This subpart delegates authority and prescribes policies and procedures for the Rural Housing Service (RHS), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) and herein referred to as "Agency." This subpart does not apply to Farm Service Agency, Farm Loan Programs, or to RHS single family housing loans or community program loans sold without insurance to the private sector. These community program loans will be serviced by the private sector, and future revisions to this subpart no longer apply to such loans. This subpart does not apply to the Rural Rental Housing, Rural Cooperative Housing, or Farm Labor Housing Program of RHS. In addition, this subpart does not apply to Water and Waste Programs of the Rural Utilities Service, Watershed loans, and Resource Conservation and Development loans, which are serviced under part 1782 of this title. This subpart covers:

(a) Management of real property which has been taken into custody by

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the respective Agency after abandonment by the borrower;

(b) Management of real and chattel property which is in Agency inventory; and

(c) Management of real and chattel property which is security for a guaranteed loan liquidated by an Agency (or which the Agency is in the process of liquidating).

[61 FR 59778, Nov. 22, 1996, as amended at 69 FR 69106, Nov. 26, 2004; 72 FR 55019, Sept. 28, 2007; 72 FR 64123, Nov. 15, 2007]

§ 1955.52 Policy.

Inventory and custodial real property will be effectively managed to preserve its value and protect the Government's financial interests. Properties owned or controlled by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 will be maintained so that they are not a detriment to the surrounding area and they comply with State and local codes. Generally, FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 will continue operation of Multiple Family Housing (MFH) projects which are acquired or taken into custody. Servicing of repossessed or abandoned chattel property is covered in subpart A of part 1962 of this chapter, and management of inventory chattel property is covered in § 1955.80 of this subpart.

§ 1955.53 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, the following definitions apply:

CONACT or CONACT property. Property acquired or sold pursuant to the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT). Within this subpart, it shall also be construed to cover property which secured loans made pursuant to the Agriculture Credit Act of 1978; the Emergency Agricultural Credit Adjustment Act of 1978; the Emergency Agricultural Credit Act of 1984; the Food Security Act of 1985; and other statutes giving agricultural lending authority to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354.

Contracting Officer (CO). CO means a person with the authority to enter into, administer, and/or terminate contracts and make related determinations and findings. The term includes authorized representatives of the CO