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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**24 CFR Part 203**

**[Docket No. FR-5742-N-02]**

**RIN 2502-AJ23**

**Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Single Family Mortgage Insurance Maximum Time Period for Filing Insurance Claims, Curtailment of Interest and Disallowance of Operating Expenses Incurred beyond Certain Established Timeframes; Partial Withdrawal**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Partial withdrawal of proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document withdraws part of a proposed rule, published in the Federal Register on July 6, 2015, that proposed to establish a maximum time period within which an FHA-approved mortgagee must file a claim with FHA for insurance benefits, and to revise HUD's policies concerning the curtailment of interest and the disallowance of certain expenses incurred by a mortgagee as a result of the mortgagee's failure to timely initiate foreclosure or timely take such other action that is a prerequisite to submission of a claim for insurance. This withdrawal covers only the portion of the proposed rule that would have established the maximum time period within which an FHA-approved mortgagee must file a claim with FHA for insurance benefits.

**DATES:** As of [**Insert date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER**], HUD withdraws the proposed additions of §§ 203.317a and 203.372, and proposed revision to § 203.318, published Monday, July 6, 2015 (80 FR 38410).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ivery Himes, Director, Office of Single Family Asset Management, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 9172, Washington, DC 20410; telephone number 202-708-1672 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number by calling the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 (this is a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

On July 6, 2015, HUD published in the Federal Register a proposed rule that would have added § 203.372, establishing a maximum time period for filing a claim for insurance benefits, and § 203.317a, providing that the contract of insurance would be terminated if a mortgagee failed to file a claim within the maximum time period specified in § 203.372, to 24 CFR part 203. The proposed rule would have also revised § 203.318 to refer to termination of the insurance contract under new § 203.317a. Additionally, the proposed rule would amend § 203.402, and revise the title of § 203.474, related to proposals concerning the curtailment of interest and the disallowance of certain expenses incurred by a mortgagee as a result of the mortgagee's failure to timely initiate foreclosure or timely take such other action that is a prerequisite to submission of a claim for insurance.

In response to public comments expressing concern over the implementation of the proposed provisions regarding the maximum time period within which an FHA-approved

mortgagee must file a claim with FHA for insurance benefits, HUD is withdrawing the proposed additions of §§ 203.317a and 203.372, and proposed revision to § 203.318. HUD will publish in the Federal Register any revised maximum time period for claim filing provisions in a proposed rule and solicit public comment on it.

**List of Subjects in 24 CFR Part 203**

Hawaiian Natives, Home improvement, Indians-lands, Loan programs-housing and community development, Mortgage insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Solar energy.

**Partial Withdrawal of Proposed Rule.** For the reasons stated in the preamble and under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 3535(d), HUD withdraws the proposed additions of §§ 203.317a and 203.372, and proposed revision to § 203.318, in 24 CFR part 203.

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