

For: State and County Offices

Suspending OL Term Limits

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs



1 Overview

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Background**

The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, Sections 311 (c) and 319 contain the term limit requirements that are about direct and guaranteed OL's. On June 20, 2000, the President signed into law the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000. Section 255 of this law suspends all OL term limits through December 31, 2002.

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Purpose**

This notice provides guidance on suspension of all term limit requirements for both direct and guaranteed OL's through December 31, 2002.

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Contacts**

State Offices shall direct questions about this notice to LMD at 202-720-1632.

Disposal Date

January 1, 2003

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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Affected Regulations

The following regulations are suspended through December 31, 2002:

- FmHA Instruction 1941-A, Sections 1941.12 (a)(8), 1941.12 (a)(9), 1941.12(b)(9), and 1941.12(b)(10)
 - 2-FLP, subparagraphs 108 L and 108 M
 - 7 CFR 762.122 (c).
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County Office Action

County Offices shall **not** deny any OL application on the basis of the term limits being exceeded until January 1, 2003. Previously denied applications because of term limits being exceeded, will not be reconsidered unless requested by the applicant. If an applicant requests to be reconsidered, all necessary information will be updated. County Offices shall publicize the fact that the term limits have been suspended.
