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Home Affordable Modification Program

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Introduction of the Home Affordable Modification Program

Background

On February 18, 2009, President Obama announced the Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan to help up to 7 to 9 million families restructure or refinance their mortgages to avoid foreclosure. As part of this plan, the Treasury Department (Treasury) announced a national modification program aimed at helping 3 to 4 million at-risk homeowners – both those who are in default and those who are at imminent risk of default – by reducing monthly payments to sustainable levels. On March 4, 2009, the Treasury issued uniform guidance for loan modifications across the mortgage industry. This Supplemental Directive provides additional guidance to servicers for adoption and implementation of the Home Affordable Modification program (HAMP) for mortgage loans that are not owned or guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac (Non-GSE Mortgages).

Under the HAMP, a servicer will use a uniform loan modification process to provide a borrower with sustainable monthly payments. The guidelines set forth in this document apply to all eligible mortgage loans secured by one- to four-unit owner-occupied single-family properties.

In order for a servicer to participate in the HAMP with respect to Non-GSE Mortgages, the servicer must execute a servicer participation agreement and related documents (Servicer Participation Agreement) with Fannie Mae in its capacity as financial agent for the United States (as designated by Treasury) on or before December 31, 2009. The Servicer Participation Agreement will govern servicer participation in the HAMP program for all Non-GSE Mortgages. Servicers of mortgage loans that are owned or guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac should refer to the HAMP announcement issued by the applicable GSE.

The HAMP reflects usual and customary industry standards for mortgage loan modifications contained in typical servicing agreements, including pooling and servicing agreements (PSAs) governing private label securitizations. As detailed in the Servicer Participation Agreement, participating servicers are required to consider <u>all</u> eligible mortgage loans unless prohibited by the rules of the applicable PSA and/or other investor servicing agreements. Participating servicers are required to use reasonable efforts to remove any prohibitions and obtain waivers or approvals from all necessary parties in order to carry out any modification under the HAMP.