Amendments to Regulation Y
Bank Holding Companies
and Change in Bank Control
August 2003*

Effective August 4, 2003, section 225.28(b)(8)(ii)(B) is amended to read as follows:

(ii) Investing and trading activities. * * *

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(B) forward contracts, options, futures, options on futures, swaps, and similar contracts, whether traded on exchanges or not, based on any rate, price, financial asset (including gold, silver, platinum, palladium, copper, or any other metal approved by the Board), nonfinancial asset, or group of assets, other than a bank-ineligible security, if—

(1) a state member bank is authorized to invest in the asset underlying the contract;
(2) the contract requires cash settlement;
(3) the contract allows for assignment, termination, or offset prior to delivery or expiration, and the company—

(i) makes every reasonable effort to avoid taking or making delivery of the asset underlying the contract; or
(ii) receives and instantaneously transfers title to the underlying asset, by operation of contract and without taking or making physical delivery of the asset; or

(4) the contract does not allow for assignment, termination, or offset prior to delivery or expiration and is based on an asset for which futures contracts or options on futures contracts have been approved for trading on a U.S. contract market by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the company—

(i) makes every reasonable effort to avoid taking or making delivery of the asset underlying the contract; or
(ii) receives and instantaneously transfers title to the underlying asset, by operation of contract and without taking or making physical delivery of the asset.

9 A bank-ineligible security is any security that a state member bank is not permitted to underwrite or deal in under 12 USC 24 and 335.

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