DATE: December 12, 2002

SUBJECT: Interagency Advisory on Accounting for Accrued Interest Receivable Related to Credit Card Securitizations (SR Letter 02-22)

HIGHLIGHTS: The federal banking agencies have issued an "Interagency Advisory on the Accounting Treatment of Accrued Interest Receivable Related to Credit Card Securitizations." The purpose of the guidance is to clarify the appropriate accounting treatment for financial institutions that securitize credit card receivables and record an asset commonly referred to as Accrued Interest Receivable (AIR). The agencies consulted with the staffs of the Securities and Exchange Commission and Financial Accounting Standards Board in developing this guidance.

Additional information regarding this matter is included in the Federal Reserve System's Supervision and Regulation policy letter, SR 02-22, dated December 4, 2002.

DOCUMENT LOCATION: An electronic version of the SR letter, including the interagency advisory, is available under the "SR Letters" section of the Board of Governors' web site: www.federalreserve.gov/boarddocs/SRLETTERS/2002

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