

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS

DALLAS, TEXAS 75222

Circular No. 79-157
September 20, 1979

EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS D & Q

TO ALL MEMBER BANKS
AND OTHERS CONCERNED IN THE
ELEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT:

On July 23, 1979, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System announced proposals to implement the provisions of the International Banking Act of 1978 imposing reserve requirements and interest rate ceilings on U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks whose parent banks have worldwide assets of \$1 billion or more. These proposals were included in our Circular No. 79-120 dated July 27, 1979. At that time the Board had asked for comments on its proposals by September 21, 1979.

The Board has received requests for an extension for the period for comments due to the complexity of the issues involved and the need for coordination with home offices of the foreign banks preparing to comment. Therefore, the Board has extended the period of comment on its proposals to November 23, 1979.

Comments should be submitted in writing to the Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D. C. 20551, and should refer to Docket No. R-0238. The press release concerning this announcement, along with the text of the announcement, is printed on the attachment.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Boykin

First Vice President

Attachment

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FEDERAL RESERVE

press release

For immediate release

September 13, 1979

The Federal Reserve Board has extended the time for comment on a Board proposal affecting the reserve requirements and interest rate ceilings of United States branches and agencies of foreign banks.

On July 23 the Board requested comment, through September 21, on a proposal to implement provisions of the International Banking Act of 1978 by imposing reserve requirements and interest rate limitations on branches and agencies of foreign banks in this country whose parent banks have worldwide assets of \$1 billion or more. In general, such agencies and branches would be subject to the same reserve requirements and interest rate ceilings as member banks.

The Board has received requests for an extension of the period for comment, in view of the complexity of the issues involved and the need for coordination with home offices of foreign banks preparing to comment.

The Board has extended the comment period to November 23.

The Board's notice in this matter is overleaf.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

[12 CFR Parts 204 and 217]

[Docket No. R-0238]

Reserve Requirements and Interest Rate Limitations
on Deposits for U.S. Branches and Agencies
of Foreign Banks; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Proposed rulemaking: extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System has extended the period for receipt of public comment on its proposal to subject U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks to the reserve requirements and interest rate ceilings currently applicable to member banks (Docket No. R-0238) until November 23, 1979.

DATE: Comments must be received by November 23, 1979.

ADDRESS: Theodore E. Allison, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551. All material submitted should include the Docket Number R-0238.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: C. Keefe Hurley, Jr., Senior Attorney (202/452-3269) or Anthony F. Cole, Senior Attorney (202/452-3711), Legal Division, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 18, 1979 (44 FR 44876), the Board requested comment on a proposal to implement the provisions of Section 7(a) of the International Banking Act of 1978 (92 Stat. 607) by amending Regulation D (Reserves of Member Banks) and Regulation Q (Interest on Deposits) to subject U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks to the reserve requirements and interest rate ceilings currently applicable to member banks. Comment was requested on the proposal by September 21, 1979. The Board has been requested to extend the comment period in order to provide interested parties with additional time in which to present their views. In light of the issues involved in the proposal and in order to encourage public participation in this matter, the comment period has been extended to November 23, 1979.

By order of the Board of Governors, acting through its Secretary under delegated authority, September 13, 1979.

(signed) Theodore E. Allison

Theodore E. Allison
Secretary of the Board

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