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Repurchase Agreements, Reverse Repurchase Agreements and Dollar Repurchase Agreements

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SCOPING STATEMENT

1. This statement establishes statutory accounting principles for repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements, including dollar repurchase and dollar reverse repurchase agreements.

SUMMARY CONCLUSION

2. Repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements and dollar repurchase agreements meet the definition of assets as defined in SSAP No. 4—Assets and Nonadmitted Assets and are admitted assets to the extent they conform to the requirements of this statement.

Repurchase Agreements

3. Repurchase agreements are defined as agreements under which a reporting entity purchases securities and simultaneously agrees to resell the same or substantially the same securities at a stated price on a specified date within 12 months of the purchase. For securities to be substantially the same, the criteria defined in paragraph 14 must be met, and for mortgage-backed securities excluding mortgage pass-through securities, the projected cash flows of the securities must be substantially the same under multiple scenario prepayment assumptions.

4. Repurchase agreements shall be accounted for as collateralized lendings. The underlying securities shall not be accounted for as investments owned by the reporting entity. The amount paid for the securities shall be reported as a short-term investment, and the difference between the amount paid and the amount at which the securities will be subsequently resold shall be reported as interest income, calculated on the straight-line method or the scientific interest (constant yield) method, over the term of the agreement.

5. Reporting entities generally take possession of the underlying collateral under repurchase agreements and in many cases may obtain additional collateral when the estimated fair value of such securities falls below their current contract value. However, to the extent that the current fair value of the collateral is less than the recorded amount, the shortfall shall reduce the admitted asset value of the repurchase agreement.

Reverse Repurchase Agreements

6. Reverse repurchase agreements are defined as agreements under which a reporting entity sells securities and simultaneously agrees to repurchase the same or substantially the same securities at a stated price on a specified date within 12 months of the sale date. For securities to be substantially the same, the criteria defined in paragraph 14 must be met, and for mortgage-backed securities excluding mortgage pass-through securities, the projected cash flows of the securities must be substantially the same under multiple scenario prepayment assumptions.

7. Reverse repurchase agreements shall be accounted for as collateralized borrowings (financing transactions). The underlying securities shall continue to be accounted for as an investment by the reporting entity. The proceeds from the sale of the securities shall be recorded as a liability, and the difference between the proceeds and the amount at which the securities will be subsequently reacquired shall be reported as interest expense, calculated on the straight-line method or the scientific interest (constant yield) method, over the term of the agreement. Although recording these transactions gross tends to inflate assets and liabilities, it more closely reflects the financing nature of the transactions and their associated leverage impact to the financial statements.
Collateral Requirements

8. The collateral requirements for repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements are as follows:

   Repurchase Transaction
   
   a. The reporting entity shall receive as collateral transferred securities having a fair value at least equal to 102 percent of the purchase price paid by the reporting entity for the securities. If at anytime the fair value of the collateral is less than 100 percent of the purchase price paid by the reporting entity, the counterparty shall be obligated to provide additional collateral, the fair value of which, together with fair value of all collateral then held in connection with the transaction, at least equals 102 percent of the purchase price.

   Reverse Repurchase Transaction
   
   b. The reporting entity shall receive collateral having a fair value as of the transaction date at least equal to 95 percent of the fair value of the securities transferred by the reporting entity in the transaction as of that date. If at anytime the fair value of the collateral is less than 95 percent of the fair value of the securities so transferred, the counterparty shall be obligated to deliver additional collateral, the fair value of which, together with the fair value of all collateral then held in connection with the transaction, at least equals 95 percent of the fair value of the transferred securities.

Dollar Repurchase Agreements

9. Dollar repurchase and dollar reverse repurchase agreements are defined as repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements involving debt instruments that are pay-through securities collateralized with Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC) and Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) collateral, and pass-through certificates sponsored by GNMA, mortgage participation certificates issued by the FHLMC or similar securities issued by the FNMA. Dollar repurchase agreements are also commonly referred to as dollar roll transactions. To meet the definition of dollar repurchase and dollar reverse repurchase agreements, the securities underlying the agreements must meet the criteria defined in paragraph 14, and for mortgage-backed securities excluding mortgage pass-through securities, the projected cash flows of the securities must be substantially the same under multiple scenario prepayment assumptions.

10. For the seller in a dollar reverse repurchase agreement, a liability is recorded for the amount of proceeds of the sale and the sold mortgage-backed securities are not removed from the accounting records. During the period of the agreement, interest income is recorded as if the mortgage-backed security had been held during the term of the agreement. This is offset by an equal amount of interest expense related to the proceeds received from the sale. Additional interest expense is recorded representing the difference between the sales price and the repurchase price of the mortgage-backed securities sold.

11. When the mortgage-backed securities are repurchased under the agreement, the original mortgage-backed securities sold are removed from the accounting records and the purchased mortgage-backed securities are recorded. The principal amount of the mortgage-backed securities repurchased must be in good delivery form consistent with paragraph 14.

12. If the principal amount repurchased is greater than the amount sold, the cash paid is recorded as an additional investment in the newly acquired certificates. If the principal amount repurchased is less than the amount sold, a gain or loss relating to the original certificates held is recorded.
13. For the purchaser in a dollar repurchase agreement, an asset is recorded for the amount of the purchase. Since the term of the agreement is limited to twelve months, it is accounted for as a short-term investment. Upon completion of the reverse repurchase agreement, cash is received in exchange for a “substantially the same” security. The difference between the purchase and reselling price represents interest income for the lending of short-term funds.

Criteria to Meet Substantially the Same

14. For debt instruments, including mortgage-backed securities, to be substantially the same, all the following criteria must be met:

   a. The debt instruments must have the same primary obligor, except for debt instruments guaranteed by a sovereign government, central bank, government-sponsored enterprise or agency thereof, in which case the guarantor and terms of the guarantee must be the same;
   
   b. The debt instruments must be identical in form and type so as to give the same risks and rights to the holder;
   
   c. The debt instruments must bear the identical contractual interest rate;
   
   d. The debt instruments must have the same maturity except for mortgage-backed pass-through and pay-through securities for which the mortgages collateralizing the securities must have similar remaining weighted average maturities (WAMs) that result in approximately the same market yield;
   
   e. Mortgage-backed pass-through and pay through securities must be collateralized by a similar pool of mortgages, such as single-family residential mortgages; and
   
   f. The debt instruments must have the same aggregate unpaid principal amounts, except for mortgage-backed pass-through and pay-through securities, where the aggregate principal amounts of the mortgage-backed securities given up and the mortgage-backed securities reacquired must be within the accepted “good delivery” standard for the type of mortgage-backed security involved.

Separate Transactions

15. Agreements to repurchase and resell securities that do not meet the definitions in paragraph 3, 6, or 9 of this statement shall be accounted for as two separate transactions, that is, as a sale and purchase or as a purchase and sale, in accordance with the relevant statutory accounting guidance. For example, sales of bonds would result in recognition of realized gains or losses.

Offsetting

16. Reporting entities may operate on both sides of the repurchase agreement market resulting in recording of liabilities and assets representing repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements, respectively.

17. Reporting entities shall offset such liabilities and assets only to the extent that one of the following occurs:

   a. A legal right of offset exists as defined in SSAP No. 64—Offsetting and Netting of Assets and Liabilities (SSAP No. 64), or
b. The securities have the same settlement date, are executed with the same counterparty in accordance with a master netting arrangement, involve securities that exist in “book entry” form, and settle on securities transfer systems that have the same key elements and operating characteristics as the Fedwire Securities Transfer System.

Otherwise, separate assets and liabilities shall be recognized.

Disclosures

18. The following disclosures shall be made in the financial statements:

   a. If the reporting entity has entered into repurchase agreements, its policy for requiring collateral or other security;

   b. A description of the securities underlying the agreements, including book values and fair values, maturities, and weighted average interest rates for the following categories: (i) securities subject to reverse repurchase agreements; (ii) securities subject to repurchase agreements; (iii) securities subject to dollar repurchase agreements; and (iv) securities subject to dollar reverse repurchase agreements; and

   c. A description of the terms of reverse repurchase agreements whose amounts are included in borrowed money.

19. Refer to the preamble for further discussion regarding disclosure requirements.

Relevant Literature

20. This statement adopts AICPA Statement of Position 90-3, Definition of the Term Substantially the Same for Holders of Debt Instruments, as Used In Certain Audit Guides and a Statement of Position.


22. This statement adopts FASB Emerging Issues Task Force No. 84-20, GNMA Dollar Rolls. This statement is consistent with FASB Interpretation No. 39, Offsetting of Amounts Related to Certain Contracts—an interpretation of APB Opinion No. 10 and FASB Statement No. 105 (FIN 39) (as it relates to reverse repurchase and repurchase agreements) and FASB Interpretation No. 41, Offsetting of Amounts Related to Certain Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreements—an interpretation of APB Opinion No. 10 and a modification of FASB Interpretation No. 39 (FIN 41). FIN 39 and FIN 41 are adopted in SSAP No. 64.

23. This statement rejects paragraph 14 of FAS 125 as it relates to the classifications of securities under FASB Statement No. 115, Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities (FAS 115). FAS 115 is rejected in SSAP No. 26—Bonds, Excluding Loan-Backed and Structured Securities.

Effective Date and Transition

24. This statement is effective for years beginning January 1, 2001. A change resulting from the adoption of this statement shall be accounted for as a change in accounting principle in accordance with SSAP No. 3—Accounting Changes and Corrections of Errors.
AUTHORITATIVE LITERATURE

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

- AICPA Statement of Position 90-3, Definition of the Term Substantially the Same for Holders of Debt Instruments, as Used In Certain Audit Guides and a Statement of Position
- FASB Statement No. 125, Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities
- FASB Interpretation No. 39, Offsetting of Amounts Related to Certain Contracts—an interpretation of APB Opinion No. 10 and FASB Statement No. 105
- FASB Interpretation No. 41, Offsetting of Amounts Related to Certain Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreements—an interpretation of APB Opinion No. 10 and a modification of FASB Interpretation No. 39
- FASB Emerging Issues Task Force No. 84-20, GNMA Dollar Rolls

RELEVANT ISSUE PAPERS

- Issue Paper No. 45—Repurchase Agreements, Reverse Repurchase Agreements and Dollar Repurchase Agreements