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USING A CLOSING DISCLOSURE TO RESET TOLERANCES (2018 TILA RESPA RULE)

Today the CFPB issued a rule effective 30 days after its publication in the Federal Register, amending Regulation Z clarifying when a creditor may use a Closing Disclosure to reset tolerances.

As we know TILA-RESPA requires creditors to provide consumers with a Loan Estimate that discloses good faith estimates of terms and costs. An estimated closing cost is disclosed in good faith if the charge paid does not exceed the amount originally disclosed on the Loan Estimate. That said, certain closing costs are disclosed in good faith if the charge is within a “tolerance” specified in the Rule.

When a changed circumstance occurs, or in some other limited circumstances, a creditor may use a revised estimate, instead of the original estimate. Using a new estimate is sometimes referred to by the CFPB as “resetting tolerances”. When this occurs, the creditor must provide the revised estimate within three business days of receiving information sufficient to establish that the changed circumstance has occurred.

The new rule adopted by the Bureau reads according to its summary as follows:

Currently, a creditor may only use a Closing Disclosure to reset tolerances if there are fewer than four business days between the time the creditor is required to provide the Closing Disclosure reflecting the revised estimate and consummation. The 2018 TILA-RESPA Rule removes this four business day limit on a creditor’s ability to reset tolerances with a Closing Disclosure. Thus, if a changed circumstance or another triggering event has occurred, the 2018 TILA-RESPA Rule permits a creditor to reset tolerances with either an initial or corrected Closing Disclosure regardless of the number of days between consummation and the date the Closing Disclosure reflecting the revised estimate is required to be provided to the consumer. The creditor must provide the consumer with the Closing Disclosure reflecting the revised estimate at or before consummation and within three business days of receiving information sufficient to establish that the changed circumstance or other triggering event has occurred. Additionally, the consumer must still receive an initial Closing Disclosure at least three business days prior to consummation. A new three-day waiting period is only required for a corrected Closing Disclosure if the APR becomes inaccurate, a prepayment penalty is added, or the loan product changes from the loan product previously disclosed.

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