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NEW APPRAISAL RULE

Today the Federal Reserve Board announced an Interim Final Rule to ensure that Real Estate Appraisers are free to use their “independent professional judgment” in assigning home values, without influence or pressure from those with an interest in the final result.

Some of the provisions of the Interim Rule:

- Prohibit coercion designed to cause appraisers to base values on factors other than their independent judgment,
- Prohibit appraisers hired by lenders from having financial or other interests in the property or the credit transactions,
- Prohibit creditors from extending credit based on flawed appraisals, and
- Require the payment of reasonable and customary compensation to appraisers.

This Interim Final Rule was required by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Compliance will be mandatory next April.

We will have a detailed summary available to you in the next couple of days.

In the meantime if you wish to see the entire 132 pages you can go to:

www.federalreserve.gov and click the menu item under “Recent Developments” entitled “Federal Reserve Announces Interim Rule”.

More in a couple of days.

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