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REGULATORY RELIEF

Guidance to Help Financial Institutions and Facilitate Recovery in Areas of Puerto Rico Affected by Severe Weather

Summary: The FDIC has announced a series of steps intended to provide regulatory relief to financial institutions and facilitate recovery in areas of Puerto Rico affected by severe storms and flooding.

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FDIC-Supervised Banks (Commercial and Savings)
in Puerto Rico

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Storms and Flooding in Areas of Puerto Rico

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Highlights:

- Severe storms and flooding that occurred from May 26 through May 31, 2010, have caused significant property damage in areas of Puerto Rico.
- Federal disasters were declared on June 24, 2010, for selected municipalities in Puerto Rico.
- The FDIC is encouraging banks to work constructively with borrowers experiencing difficulties beyond their control because of damage caused by the severe weather.
- Extending repayment terms, restructuring existing loans or easing terms for new loans, if done in a manner consistent with sound banking practices, can contribute to the health of the community and serve the long-term interests of the lending institution.
- The FDIC also will consider regulatory relief from certain filing and publishing requirements.