U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT





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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Participants in Ginnie Mae Programs

FROM: George S. Anderson, Executive Vice President

SUBJECT: MBS Guide, Appendix VI-3, Forms of Irrevocable, Unconditional Letter of Credit and Transfer of Letter of Credit

This Memorandum transmits changes to Appendix VI-3 of the Ginnie Mae Mortgage-Backed Securities Guide 5500.3, and is effective for all letters of credit issued on or after January 31, 2003.

The changes are in response to concerns raised by banks issuing letters of credit pursuant to the Guide with respect to the requirement that, in certain instances, the Ginnie Mae issuer be both the beneficiary of, and the account party on, a letter of credit. After careful consideration, Ginnie Mae has determined that, in such instances, it is more appropriate for Ginnie Mae to be the beneficiary of the letter of credit. The revised forms of letter of credit also permit draws on such letters of credit by electronic or other mechanical method.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact your Ginnie Mae Multifamily Programs Account Executive at (202) 708-2043, or Single Family/Manufactured Housing Account Executive at (202) 708-1535.

Attachment - Appendix VI-3