

Administrative Procedure Act to the functions of the Farm Credit Administration is extremely limited. As required by section 3 of the act, the Administration publishes in the Federal Register descriptions of agency organization including delegations of final authority, and certain provisions from our manuals which are also included in the Code of Federal Regulations. However, we do not engage in public rulemaking, or conduct agency hearings, or issue final opinions or orders in the adjudication of cases.

1. The Farm Credit Administration supervises the 37 banks and about 1,209 associations that comprise the cooperative farm credit system. The United States is divided into 12 farm credit districts. In each of these districts there is a Federal land bank which makes long-term land mortgage credit available to farmers, a Federal intermediate credit bank which makes intermediate- and short-term credit available to them, and a bank for cooperatives which makes credit available to farmers' marketing, purchasing, and farm business service cooperatives. There also is a Central Bank for Cooperatives in the District of Columbia. In addition, there are in each district from 28 to 93 Federal land bank associations and from 26 to 77 production credit associations.

We have not had occasion to distinguish any of the functions of the Farm Credit Administration as not being subject to 5 U.S.C. 1002 according to its terms.

2. The Farm Credit Administration publishes in the Federal Register those matters with which your questions 2(a) through 2(d) are concerned, to the extent applicable. The Administration does not make rules as contemplated by question 2(e). Publications in the Federal Register are not made at any predetermined intervals, but are made when necessary to amend, modify, or supplement existing rules, or to promulgate new ones.

3. The Farm Credit Administration does not engage in the "adjudication of cases" and, therefore, has no occasion to publish such "final and interim opinions or orders."

4. See 3 above.

5. See 3 above.

6. Information contained in records of the Farm Credit Administration and of the banks and associations it supervises is made available to the general public and otherwise as provided in 6 CFR 4.1-4.10. The latter section is as follows:

§ 4.10 Official records generally

The Farm Credit Administration and the several banks or associations under its supervision keep confidential the classes of records enumerated in sections 4.2, 4.4, 4.5, and 4.8. Information contained in other official records in the custody of the Farm Credit Administration or of a particular bank or association may be made available to persons directly and properly concerned upon written application to the Farm Credit Administration or the particular bank or association. Such application must identify the specific information sought and must show how the applicant is concerned therewith. Such applications with respect to official records in the custody of the Farm Credit Administration may be granted by the Governor or any Deputy Governor or by the director or other division head in charge of the functions to which the records relate. Such applications with respect to official records in the custody of a particular bank or association may be granted by the chief executive officer of the bank or association in accordance with the provisions of this part.

7. See 6 above.

8. There appears to be no such circumstances.

9. No such cases have arisen.

10. In general, the Farm Credit Administration does not publish rules dealing with matters of internal management where these are solely its concern and do not affect the members of the public to any extent.

11. Official records are considered by this agency to include those documents and information with which 6 CFR 4.1-4.10 are concerned.

The codified rules or documents issued by the Farm Credit Administration to implement 5 U.S.C. 1002 are published as chapter 1 of title 6 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and amendments thereto (29 F.R. 2739, 4925, 6380, 6517, 7017, 7857, 7983, 11167, 11971, 12436, 12596; 30 F.R. 915, 2002). Codification of organization statements and delegations (12 F.R. 2679) was discontinued