

# FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

## Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**ACTION:** Notice of Modified Systems of Records.

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**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the FDIC proposes the following changes to its Privacy Act system of records notices: (1) Revise one existing routine use and add one new routine use in all system notices to conform with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance to federal agencies regarding response and remedial efforts in the event of a data breach; (2) Add one new routine use to permit disclosure of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request records to the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) so that it may fulfill its statutory responsibilities; and (3) Make non-substantive editorial and formatting changes to all system notices for clarity and to conform to the updated system notice template prescribed in OMB Circular A-108. We hereby publish this notice for comment on the proposed actions.

**DATES:** This action will become effective on July 22, 2019. The routine uses in this action will become effective 30 days after publication, unless the FDIC makes changes based on comments received. Written comments should be submitted on or before the effective date.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written comments identified by *Privacy Act Systems of Records* by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Agency Website:* <https://www.FDIC.gov/regulations/laws/federal>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the FDIC website.
- *Email:* [Comments@fdic.gov](mailto:Comments@fdic.gov).
- *Mail:* Gary Jackson, Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Virginia Square D-8012, Washington, DC 20429.
- *Hand Delivery:* Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shannon Dahn, Chief, Privacy Section, Phone (703) 516-1162, Email [sdahn@fdic.gov](mailto:sdahn@fdic.gov); or Gary Jackson, Counsel, Phone (703) 562-2677, Email, [gjackson@fdic.gov](mailto:gjackson@fdic.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, at subsection (b)(3), requires each agency to publish, for public notice and comment, routine uses describing any disclosures of information about an individual that the agency intends to make from a Privacy Act system of records without the individual's prior written consent, other than those which are authorized directly in the Privacy Act at subsections (b)(1)-(2) and (b)(4)-(12). The Privacy Act

defines “routine use” at subsection (a)(7) to mean a disclosure for a purpose compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected.

In accordance with OMB Memorandum M-17-12, issued January 3, 2017, titled “*Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information*,” the FDIC is modifying its current general routine use number (4) and adding a new general routine use number (5) to each system notice to authorize the FDIC to disclose information when necessary to obtain assistance with a suspected or confirmed data breach or to assist another agency in its response to a breach. The first routine use presented below is a revised version of current general routine use number (4) prescribed in former OMB Memorandum M-07-16 and first published in the *Federal Register* by the FDIC on October 29, 2007 (72 FR 61131). The second new general routine use presented below is being added to each the FDIC system notice as number (5) and all routine uses have been renumbered to account for this addition.

(4) To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) the FDIC suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records; (b) the FDIC has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, the FDIC (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the FDIC’s efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

(5) To another Federal agency or Federal entity, when the FDIC determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

The FDIC is also adding a new routine use to the FDIC 30-64-0022, Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Request Records, as presented below. This new routine use will permit records to be provided to the National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for purposes set forth under 5 U.S.C. 552(h), including to review agency compliance with FOIA, provide mediation services to resolve FOIA disputes, and identify policies and procedures for improving FOIA compliance.

(9) To the National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to the extent necessary to fulfill its responsibilities in 5 U.S.C. 552(h), to review administrative agency policies, procedures, and compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and to facilitate OGIS’s offering of mediation services to resolve disputes between persons making FOIA requests and administrative agencies.

In addition, this notice makes non-substantive editorial and formatting changes to all system notices for clarity and to conform to the updated system notice template prescribed in

OMB Circular A-108. More detailed information on the revised systems of records may be viewed in the complete text below.

The report of modified systems of records has been submitted to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget, pursuant to OMB Circular A-108, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Review, Reporting, and Publication under the Privacy Act" and the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(r).

The FDIC last published a complete list of its system notices in the *Federal Register* on October 30, 2015 (80 FR 66981). This publication may be viewed on the FDIC's Privacy Program web page at [www.fdic.gov/about/privacy](http://www.fdic.gov/about/privacy).

**SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:** Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Request Records, FDIC-30-64-0022.

**SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:** Unclassified.

**SYSTEM LOCATIONS:** Legal Division, FOIA & Privacy Act Group, FDIC, 550 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20429.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S):** Legal Division, FOIA & Privacy Act Group, FDIC, 550 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20429.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:** Section 9 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1819); Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), 12 CFR parts 309 and 310.

**PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:** The records are collected and maintained to process requests made under the provisions of the FOIA and Privacy Act and to assist the FDIC in carrying out any other responsibilities relating to the FOIA and Privacy Act.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:** Individuals who submit requests and administrative appeals pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or the Privacy Act; individuals whose requests, appeals or other records have been referred to the FDIC by other agencies; attorneys or other persons authorized to represent individuals submitting requests and appeals; individuals who are the subjects of such requests; and FDIC personnel assigned to process such requests or appeals.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:** Records in the system may contain requesters' and their attorneys' or representatives' names, addresses, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers; online identity verification information (username and password); and any other information voluntarily submitted, such as an individual's social security number; tracking numbers; correspondence with the requester or others representing the requester; internal FDIC correspondence and memoranda to or from other agencies having a substantial interest in the determination of the request; responses to the request and appeals; and copies of responsive

records. These records may contain personal information retrieved in response to a request. Note – FOIA and Privacy Act case records may contain inquiries and requests regarding any of the FDIC’s other systems of records subject to the FOIA and Privacy Act, and information about individuals from any of these other systems may become part of this system of records.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:** Requesters and persons acting on behalf of requesters, FDIC Divisions and Offices, other Federal agencies having a substantial interest in the determination of the request, and employees processing the requests.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:** In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, all or a portion of the records or information contained in this system may be disclosed outside the FDIC as a routine use as follows:

- (1) To appropriate Federal, State, local and foreign authorities responsible for investigating or prosecuting a violation of, or for enforcing or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, or order issued, when the information indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or particular program statute, or by regulation, rule, or order issued pursuant thereto;
- (2) To a court, magistrate, or other administrative body in the course of presenting evidence, including disclosures to counsel or witnesses in the course of civil discovery, litigation, or settlement negotiations or in connection with criminal proceedings, when the FDIC is a party to the proceeding or has a significant interest in the proceeding, to the extent that the information is determined to be relevant and necessary;
- (3) To a congressional office in response to an inquiry made by the congressional office at the request of the individual who is the subject of the record;
- (4) To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) the FDIC suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records; (b) the FDIC has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, the FDIC (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; the FDIC and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the FDIC’s efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm;
- (5) To another Federal agency or Federal entity, when the FDIC determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.
- (6) To appropriate Federal agencies and other public authorities for use in records management inspections;
- (7) To contractors, grantees, volunteers, and others performing or working on a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or project for the FDIC, the Office of Inspector General, or the Federal Government for use in carrying out their obligations under such contract, grant, agreement or project;

- (8) To another Federal government agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or for the purpose of consulting with that agency as to the propriety of access or correction of the record in order to complete the processing of requests; and
- (9) To a third party authorized in writing to receive such information by the individual about whom the information pertains.
- (10) To the National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), to the extent necessary to fulfill its responsibilities in 5 U.S.C. 552(b), to review administrative agency policies, procedures and compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, and to facilitate OGIS' offering of mediation services to resolve disputes between persons making FOIA requests and administrative agencies.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:** Records are stored in electronic media.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:** Records are indexed and retrieved by the requester's name or by unique number assigned to the request. Records sometimes are retrieved by reference to the name of the requester's firm, if any, or the subject matter of the request.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:** FOIA request records are maintained for six years after final agency determination or after final adjudication by the courts. Privacy Act request records are maintained in accordance with established disposition schedules for individual records, or five years after the date of the disclosure, whichever is later. Disposal is by shredding or other appropriate disposal methods.

**ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:** Electronic records are password-protected and accessible only by authorized personnel.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:** Individuals wishing to request access to records about them in this system of records must submit their request in writing to the FDIC FOIA & Privacy Act Group, 550 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20429, or email [efoia@fdic.gov](mailto:efoia@fdic.gov). Requests must include full name, address, and verification of identity in accordance with FDIC regulations at 12 CFR part 310.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:** Individuals wishing to contest or request an amendment to their records in this system of records must submit their request in writing to the FDIC FOIA & Privacy Act Group, 550 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20429, or email [efoia@fdic.gov](mailto:efoia@fdic.gov). Requests must specify the information being contested, the reasons for contesting it, and the proposed amendment to such information in accordance with FDIC regulations at 12 CFR part 310.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:** Individuals wishing to know whether this system contains information about them must submit their request in writing to the FDIC FOIA & Privacy Act Group, 550 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20429, or email [efoia@fdic.gov](mailto:efoia@fdic.gov). Requests must include full name, address, and verification of identity in accordance with FDIC regulations at 12 CFR part 310.

**EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:** The FDIC has claimed exemptions for several of its other systems of records under 5 U.S.C. 552a (j)(2), (k)(1), (k)(2), and (k)(5) and 12 CFR part 310.13. During the processing of a Freedom of Information Act or Privacy Act request, exempt records from these other systems of records may become part of the case record in this system of records. To the extent that exempt records from other FDIC systems of records are entered or become part of this system, the FDIC has claimed the same exemptions, and any such records compiled in this system of records from any other system of records continues to be subject to any exemption(s) applicable for the records as they have in the primary systems of records of which they are a part.

**HISTORY:** 80 FR 66981 (October 30, 2015).