SUMMARY: The Department of State and Department of Justice have reason to believe that hundreds of Iraqi citizens now at various European and Caribbean locations are conspiring to circumvent normal refugee procedures abroad by entering the United States in transit without a visa and thereafter claiming asylum as refugees. Several groups have already reached the United States in this way and it is believed problable that hundreds more are about to follow the same procedure. This practice can be stopped only by amending the regulations of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to withdraw the transit without visa privilege for Iraqi citizens.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 5, 1977.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James G. Hoofnagle, Jr., Instructions Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 Eye Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20536, telephone: 202-376-8373.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Citizens of Iraq desiring to travel through the United States in transit from one foreign place to another may apply for a nonimmigrant transit visa for this purpose at the nearest United States diplomatic or consular office abroad. Citizens of Iraq in foreign countries believing they have a claim to refugee status and desiring to enter the United States on that basis may continue to submit applications for conditional entry pursuant to section 203(a)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, to offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service abroad as listed in 8 CFR 235.9 (a).

In view of the imminent and continuing nature of this scheme, the Department of State and Department of Justice find that compliance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) as to notice of proposed rule making and delayed effective date would be contrary to the public interest in this instance.

In the light of the foregoing, 8 CFR 212.1(e)(1) is hereby amended as set forth below.

In Part 212, § 212.1(e)(1) is amended by adding a new sentence thereto between the existing first and second sentences to read as follows:

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§ 212.1 Documentary requirements for nonimmigrants.

(e) *Direct transits*—(1) *Transit without visa.* * * * This waiver of visa and passport requirements is not available to an alien who is a citizen of Iraq. * * *

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(Sec. 103, 8 U.S.C. 1103; Interpret or apply secs. 101, 212, 214, and 236 (8 U.S.C. 1101, 1182, 1134 and 1228).)

Dated: December 1, 1977.

LEONEL J. CASTILLO,
Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization.

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Title 12—Banks and Banking

CHAPTER V—FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK BOARD

SUBCHAPTER C—FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN SYSTEM

[No. 77-663]

PART 545—OPERATIONS

Electronic Fund Transfers Through Remote Service Units

NOVEMBER 23, 1977.

AGENCY: Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment will allow Federally-chartered savings and loan institutions to continue operating remote service units (RSUs) under the Board's temporary regulation until March 31, 1978. No applications for new RSUs will be accepted until the Board decides whether to propose permanent regulations in this area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 1977.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Harry W. Quillian, Associate General Counsel, Federal Home Loan Bank Board; Telephone number, 202-376-3556.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Home Loan Bank Board, by Resolution No. 77-627 (42 FR 57131; November 1, 1977), proposed to amend paragraph (k) of 12 CFR 545.4-2 to temporarily extend the expiration date of that experimental remote service unit regulation from December 31, 1977, to March 31, 1978. Public comments were invited on the proposal by November 16, 1977. The Board received 12 public comment letters (7 Federally-chartered savings and loans, 1 service corporation, and 4 trade associations); 10 favored adoption of the proposal. The two banking trade associations which responded opposed the extension, one on the ground that the Board should await resolution by the court of its challenge to the legality of the regulations. The other believed that Federal associations should not operate RSUs because of the competitive impact upon other financial institutions.

The Board believes that the proposed extension is in the public interest, and that interruption of RSU service, as suggested by respondents, would be unwise.

Accordingly, the Board hereby amends paragraph (k) of 12 CFR 545.4-2 to read as set forth below effective December 31, 1977. The Board also hereby extends through March 31, 1978, all previous approvals under 12 CFR 545.4-2 which would have expired on December 31, 1977.

§ 545.4-2 Remote service units (experimental provision.)

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(k) *Termination.* This section and any approval granted under this section shall automatically terminate at the close of March 31, 1978.

(Sec. 5, 48 Stat. 132, as amended (12 U.S.C 1464); sec. 2, Pub. L. 93-100, 87 State. 342; Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1947, 12 FR 4981, 3 CFR 1943-48 Comp., 1071.)

By the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

J. J. FINN,
Secretary.

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Title 16—Commercial Practices

CHAPTER I—FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

PART 3—RULES OF PRACTICE FOR ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDINGS

Adoption of Evidentiary Rule in Advertising Substantiation Cases

Correction

In FR Doc. 77-31045, appearing at page 56489 in the issue of Wednesday, October 26, 1977, make the following changes:

1. On page 56493, third column, the tenth line of the first full paragraph should read, "very heart of the Commission's ability to".

2. On page 56497, second column, the seventh line of the last paragraph should read, "until the order is enforced. Where an"

3. On page 56498, first column, the third line of the first full paragraph should read, "*process.* 25. Many comments asserted".

4. On page 56500, second column, between the twelfth and thirteenth lines of § 3.40(b) insert the words, "response to the compulsory process, and".

[6750-01]

[Docket C-2910]

PART 13—PROHIBITED TRADE PRACTICES, AND AFFIRMATIVE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

City Stores Company

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Order to cease and desist.

SUMMARY: In settlement of alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair acts and practices and unfair methods of competition, this consent order, among other things, requires a New York City retail department store chain to cease imposing unauthorized collection fees on delinquent charge accounts; and to provide such disclosures and refunds as are set forth in the order.

DATES: Complaint and order issued November 1, 1977.[1]

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Paul R. Peterson, Director, Cleveland Regional Office, Federal Trade Commission, Suite 500, Mall Bldg., 118 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, 216-522-4207.

[1] Copies of the Complaint, and the Decision and Order, filed with the original document.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION On Wednesday, August 24, 1977, there was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (42 FR 42692) a proposed consent agreement with analysis In the Matter of City Stores Company, a corporation, for the purpose of soliciting public comment. Interested parties were given sixty (60) days in which to submit comments, suggestions, or objections regarding the proposed form of order.

No comments having been received, the Commission has ordered the issuance of the complaint in the form contemplated by the agreement, made its jurisdictional findings and entered its order to cease and desist, as set forth in the proposed consent agreement, in dispositon of this proceeding.

The prohibited trade practices and/or corrective actions, as codified under 16 CFR 13, are as follows:

Subpart—Corrective Actions and/or Requirements: § 13.533 Corrective actions and/or requirements; 13.533–20 Disclosures; 13.533–45 Maintain records; 13.533–55 Refunds, rebates and/or credits. Subpart—Misrepresenting Oneself and Goods—Business Status, Advantages or Connections: § 13.1370 Business methods, policies, and practices. —Prices: § 13.1823 Terms and conditions. Subpart—Neglecting, Unfairly or Deceptively to Make Material Disclosure: § 13.1895 Scientific or other relevant facts; § 13.1905 Terms and conditions; § 13.1905–50 Sales contract.

(Sec. 6, 38 Stat. 721; 15 U.S.C. 46. Interprets or applies sec. 5, 38 Stat. 719, as amended; 15 U.S.C. 45.)

CAROL M. THOMAS,
Secretary.

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[4710-01]

Title 22—Foreign Relations

CHAPTER I—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBCHAPTER E—VISAS

PART 41—DOCUMENTATION OF NONIMMIGRANTS UNDER THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT, AS AMENDED

Nonimmigrant Documentary Waivers

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of State and Department of Justice have reason to believe that hundreds of Iraqi citizens now at various European and Caribbean locations are conspiring to circumvent normal refugee procedures abroad by entering the United States in transit without a visa and thereafter claiming asylum as refugees. Several groups have already reached the United States in this way and it is believed probable that hundreds more are about to follow the same procedure. This practice can be stopped only by amending the Department's regulations to withdraw the transit without visa privilege for Iraqi citizens.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 5, 1977.

ADDRESS: Director, Visa Office, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cornelius D. Scully III, 202–632–1900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Citizens of Iraq desiring to travel through the United States is transit from one foreign place to another may apply for a nonimmigrant transit visa for this purpose at the nearest United States diplomatic or consular office abroad. Citizens of Iraq in foreign countries believing that they have a claim to refugee status and desiring to enter the United States on that basis may continue to submit applications for conditional entry pursuant to section 203(a)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, to offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service abroad, as listed in Title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, § 235.9(a).

In view of the imminent and continuing nature of this scheme, the Department of State and Department of Justice find that compliance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) as to notice of proposed rule making and delayed effective date would be contrary to the public interest in this instance. In light of the foregoing, 22 CFR 41.6(e)(1) is amended by adding a new sentence following the first sentence, to read as follows:

§ 41.6 Nonimmigrants not required to present passports, visas, or border-crossing identification cards.

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(e) *Aliens in immediate transit—(1) Aliens in bonded transit.* * * *

This waiver of visa and passport requirements is not available to an alien who is a citizen of Iraq. * * *

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(Sec. 101, 84 Stat. 116 (8 U.S.C. 1101).)

Dated: December 1, 1977.

BARBARA M. WATSON,
Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs.

Dated: December 1, 1977.

LEONEL F. CASTILLO,
Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

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Title 24—Housing and Urban Development

CHAPTER X—FEDERAL INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION; DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SUBCHAPTER B—NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

[Docket No. FI 3716]

PART 1914—COMMUNITIES ELIGIBLE FOR THE SALE OF INSURANCE

Status of Participating Communities

AGENCY: Federal Insurance Administration, HUD.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule lists communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). These communities have applied to the program and have agreed to enact certain flood plain management measures. The communities' participation in the program authorizes the sale of flood insurance to owners of property located in the communities listed.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The date listed in the fourth column of the table.

ADDRESSES: The addresses where flood insurance policies can be obtained are published at 24 CFR 1912.7.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Richard Krimm, Assistant Administrator, Office of Flood Insurance, 202–755–5581 or toll free line 800–424–8872, Room 5270, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93–234), amended, requires the purchase of flood insurance as a condition of Federal financial assistance if such assistance is:

(1) for acquisition and construction purposes, and

(2) for property located in a special flood hazard area identified by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

The requirement applies to all identified special flood hazard areas within the United States, and no such financial assistance can legally be provided for acquisition or construction except as authorized by section 202(b) of the Act, as amended, unless the community has entered the program. Accordingly, for communities listed under this Part no such restriction exists, although insurance, if required, must be purchased.

Flood insurance policies for property located in the communities listed can be obtained from any licensed property insurance agent or broker serving the eligible community, or from the National Flood Insurers Association (NFIA) servicing company for the State.

The Federal Insurance Administrator finds that delayed effective dates would be contrary to the public interest. The Administrator also finds that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are impracticable and unnecessary.

In each entry, a complete chronology of effective dates appears for each listed community. The entry reads as follows:

Section 1914.6 is amended by adding in alphabetical sequence new entries to the table.

§ 1914.6 List of eligible communities.

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