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FDIC MAKES AVAILABLE A SPANISH VERSION OF OFFICIAL NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS OF INSURANCE RULE CHANGES

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation announced today that it is making available an official Spanish language version of the FDIC's notice to consumers of upcoming changes in deposit insurance rules. The new rules take effect July 29, although some provisions are being phased in at later dates.

The FDIC previously sent an official English language notice to approximately 13,000 banks and 2,900 thrifts that they are required to send to all depositors or account holders in a one-time mailing, in most cases before July 29. However, after receiving requests from financial institutions in states with large Hispanic populations, the FDIC decided to make available an official Spanish language version as well.

Most depositors are not affected by the changes in insurance rules. Also, the basic coverage that protects individual accounts for up to \$100,000 and joint accounts for up to an additional \$100,000 remains the same. However, the notice explains the major changes and tells depositors and account holders how they can obtain additional information if they are uncertain about their insurance coverage.

The most significant changes in deposit insurance coverage will affect certain accounts at savings associations, including revocable trust accounts and accounts for so-called "457 Plans," which are employee benefit programs primarily for state and local government workers.

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Unlike with the English version of the notice, the use of the Spanish version by institutions is entirely optional. In addition, those banks and thrifts that choose to distribute the Spanish notice are not required to do so in a mailing. These institutions may choose to simply hand it out upon request or otherwise make it available.

As with the English version, institutions may personalize the notice by adding their name or logo. However, the wording from the FDIC must appear without any changes, additions or deletions.

The Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA) required the FDIC to eliminate differences in deposit insurance coverage at banks and savings associations and to provide notice of those changes to depositors and account holders.

The FDIC's Spanish language version of the notice to depositors is attached.

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