

## **Guidance on Operation of the Financial Research Fund Assessment Program**

NOTICE 2018-1

### **SECTION 1. PURPOSE**

This notice informs financial companies potentially subject to the Financial Research Fund (FRF) assessment program required by Section 155(d) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act) about the implementation of Section 401(c)(1)(D) of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, Pub. L. No. 115-174 (the Act).

### **SECTION 2. BACKGROUND**

The Act amends Section 155(d) of the Dodd-Frank Act, 12 U.S.C. 5345(d), pursuant to which assessments equal to the total expenses of the Office of Financial Research (OFR) are collected. Included in the OFR's expenses are the expenses of the Financial Stability Oversight Council and certain expenses of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as provided under Sections 118 and 210, respectively, of the Dodd-Frank Act.

Section 155(d) of the Dodd-Frank Act, as amended by the Act, requires the Secretary of the Treasury to establish, by regulation, and with the approval of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, an assessment schedule applicable to bank holding companies (BHCs) with total consolidated assets of \$250,000,000,000 or greater and nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. In addition, under the Act, any BHC, regardless of asset size, that has been identified as a global systemically important BHC under section 217.402 of title 12, Code of Federal Regulations (G-SIBs), shall be considered a BHC with total consolidated assets equal to or greater than \$250,000,000,000 with respect to the application of standards or requirements under Section 155(d) of the Dodd-Frank Act.

Prior to the enactment of the Act, the Treasury Department operated the FRF assessment program pursuant to the original text of Section 155(d) of the Dodd-Frank Act and regulations thereunder issued on May 21, 2012, codified at 31 C.F.R. Part 150, to collect assessments from BHCs with total consolidated assets of \$50,000,000,000 or greater and nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

For BHCs with total consolidated assets of less than \$100,000,000,000, the Act's amendment of Section 155(d) of the Dodd-Frank Act became effective on the date of enactment of the Act (May 24, 2018). For BHCs with total consolidated assets of \$100,000,000,000 or more, and G-SIBs, the Act established an effective date of 18 months from the date of enactment.

### SECTION 3. GUIDANCE

In accordance with the Act, as of May 24, 2018, BHCs with total consolidated assets of less than \$100,000,000,000 will no longer be subject to collections under the FRF Assessment Program.

The Treasury Department anticipates it will issue amendments to its regulations implementing Section 155(d) of the Dodd-Frank Act to address the statutory revisions.

### SECTION 4. CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information regarding this notice, please contact [FRFassessments@treasury.gov](mailto:FRFassessments@treasury.gov).