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REGULATORY RELIEF

Guidance to Help Financial Institutions and Facilitate Recovery in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Affected by Tropical Storm Otto

Summary: The FDIC has announced a series of steps intended to provide regulatory relief to financial institutions and facilitate recovery in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico affected by Tropical Storm Otto.

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FDIC-Supervised Banks (Commercial and Savings)
in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

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Highlights:

- Tropical Storm Otto caused significant property damage in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico during the period of October 4 to 8, 2010.
- A federal disaster for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico was declared on October 26, 2010.
- The FDIC is encouraging banks to work constructively with borrowers experiencing difficulties beyond their control because of damage caused by the hurricane.
- Extending repayment terms, restructuring existing loans or easing terms for new loans, if done in a manner consistent with sound banking practices, can contribute to the health of the community and serve the long-term interests of the lending institution.
- The FDIC also will consider regulatory relief from certain filing and publishing requirements.