

# Request for Waiver of Housing Directive

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Housing  
Federal Housing Commissioner

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1. Field Office Office of Single Family Program Development	2. Program and DAS (e.g., multifamily development) Office of Single Family Housing
3. Waiver Requested by (person, entity, HUD employee) Kevin Stevens, Director, Home Mortgage Insurance Division	
4. Waiver Item (directive number, date, page, paragraph, etc.) Handbook 4000.1 II.A.8.a.vii(B)	

Relief Sought

A limited temporary waiver of the requirement that deems a repair to be "major" and therefore ineligible to be financed as part of the "Limited" 203(k) program where such a repair prevents the borrower from occupying the property for more than 15 days. This waiver is limited to 203(k) mortgages closed on or before June 30, 2018, secured by properties in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. This does not waive the requirement that at least one borrower occupy the property within 60 days in accordance with the requirements in Handbook 4000.1 II.A.1.b.iii (A) for Principal Residences.

5.  Yes (skip No. 6) If previously approved, give Counsel's name and date of approval.  
 No (go to No. 6)

6. Counsel Determination. The Waiver Proposal **does not conflict**  **conflicts**  with statutory or regulatory provisions (cite rule or provision)

Counsel (signature) <i>Amy Brown</i>	Date 1/10/18
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7. Employee Justification (attach additional pages if necessary)

FHA's Limited 203(k) program may be used to finance minor remodeling and non-structural repairs and the total rehabilitation cost may not exceed \$35,000. FHA is aware that as a result of Hurricane Maria's impact to Puerto Rico, a large number of properties in the Commonwealth have been damaged are in need of repair. As a result, the time periods for completion of even minor repairs have been lengthened resulting in the inability to utilize FHA's Limited 203(k) rehabilitation program. Therefore, FHA believes that the situation in the Puerto Rico has necessitated a temporary waiver of FHA definition of a major repair as related to the time period for completion of repair within 15 days.

Field Office Concurrence		
Name Elissa Saunders	Title Director, Office of Single Family Program Development	Date
8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Granted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Granted	Housing Director (signature) <i>Elissa Saunders</i>	Date 1/10/18
Comments		

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