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The Bureau's action would extend by 60 days, until Jan. 29, 2022, the effective date of previously adopted final rules revising Regulation F to take into account disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau [announced](#) it has issued a [proposed rule](#) that would extend the effective date of two debt collection rules previously adopted last year regarding debt collection communications and disclosures. According to the Bureau, extending the effective date from Nov. 30, 2021, to Jan. 29, 2022, will provide affected parties the necessary, additional time to comply due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Comments on the proposal are due within 30 days of publication in the *Federal Register*.

In October and December 2020, the Bureau issued final rules amending Regulation F (12 CFR Part 1006). The first rule focused on debt collection communications and aims at giving consumers more control over how often and through what means debt collectors can communicate with them regarding their debts (see [Banking and Finance Law Daily](#), Nov. 2, 2020). The second rule provided additional requirements regarding validation information and disclosures provided at the outset of debt collection communications, prohibits suits and threats of suits regarding time-barred debt, and identifies actions that must be taken before a debt collector may report information about a debt to consumer reporting agencies (see [Banking and Finance Law Daily](#), Dec. 18, 2020). Both rules have an effective date of Nov. 30, 2021, or one year after the first debt collection final rule was published in the *Federal Register*.

In light of disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bureau determined that providing additional time may be warranted for stakeholders to review and, if applicable, to implement the final rules. The Bureau said it believes that the 60-day extension of the effective date may provide stakeholders with sufficient time for review and implementation.

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