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Freddie Mac Announces File Format Changes to Monthly Fixed Rate Factor File

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Beginning in May 2013, the file format in the Monthly Fixed Rate Factor file will be updated to include a record type field at the beginning of the file. As a result, this will shift the position of several fields, including the Pool Number and Pool Factor. An updated Disclosure Guide will be posted to the website at a later date, however, please see file format changes below. This change will be effective in the Monthly Fixed Rate Factor file (fdYYMMDD.txt) disclosed on May 6th, 2013 and will help to accommodate the disclosure of additional record types on this file in the future.

Current format (through April 2013):

Record Length: 590

				Fixed Rate Factor
POS	LEN	DEC	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
1	6		Alpha-num	POOL NUMBER - A unique numeric or alphanumeric designation assigned by Freddie Mac to identify a PC.
7	9	8	Numeric	POOL FACTOR - A truncated eight-digit decimal that Freddie Mac calculates monthly for each PC that, when multiplied by its original principal balance, equals its remaining principal balance.
16	2		Numeric	FILLER
18	9	8	Numeric	PREPAYMENT PENALTY FACTOR - A truncated eight-digit decimal calculated monthly by Freddie Mac which represents the prepayment fee collected by Freddie Mac. A prepayment fee factor published in a particular month indicates that a PC has received and passed through prepayment fees during the previous month.
27	2		Numeric	FILLER

Format as of May 2013:

Record Length: 590

****SEE COMMENTS FOR POSITION 1 THROUGH 17****

				General Fixed Rate Pool data
POS	LEN	DEC	DATA TYPE	DESCRIPTION
1	1		Alpha-num	RECORD TYPE - Indicates the type of data in this record: P = General Fixed Rate Pool data
2	1		Alpha-num	FILLER
3	6		Alpha-num	POOL NUMBER - A unique numeric or alphanumeric designation assigned by Freddie Mac to identify a PC. (**NOTE: THIS FIELD HAS BEEN MOVED FROM POSITION 1 TO POSITION 3,**)
9	9	8	Numeric	POOL FACTOR - A truncated eight-digit decimal that Freddie Mac calculates monthly for each PC that, when multiplied by its original principal balance, equals its remaining principal balance. (**NOTE: THIS FIELD HAS BEEN MOVED FROM POSITION 7 TO POSITION 9,**)
				FILLER (**NOTE: THIS FIELD HAS BEEN MOVED FROM POSITION 16 TO POSITION 1 AND IS NOW THE RECORD TYPE AND FILLER FIELD**)
18	9	8	Numeric	PREPAYMENT PENALTY FACTOR - A truncated eight-digit decimal calculated monthly by Freddie Mac which represents the prepayment fee collected by Freddie Mac. A prepayment fee factor published in a particular month indicates that a PC has received and passed through prepayment fees during the previous month.
27	2		Numeric	FILLER

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