



Freddie Mac

Giant and Other Pass-Through Certificates

Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences — General — Tax Status

The language in this section is replaced in its entirety with the following:

“Giant Certificates will be considered to represent “loans . . . secured by an interest in real property” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(19)(C)(v) of the Code and generally will be considered to represent “real estate assets” within the meaning of Section 856(c)(5)(B) of the Code. Interest income from the Giant Certificates generally will be considered to represent “interest on obligations secured by mortgages on real property” within the meaning of Section 856(c)(3)(B) of the Code. In the event that any Mortgage has a loan to value ratio (“LTV”) in excess of 100 percent (that is, the amount of any Mortgage exceeds the fair market value of the real property securing the Mortgage), the interest income on the excess portion of the Mortgage will not be “interest on obligations secured by mortgages on real property” within the meaning of Section 856(c)(3)(B) of the Code and such excess portion of the Mortgage will not be a “real estate asset” within the meaning of Section 856(c)(5)(B) of the Code. The excess portion should represent a “Government security” within the meaning of Section 856(c)(4)(A) of the Code. If a Giant Certificate contains a Mortgage with an LTV in excess of 100 percent, a holder that is a real estate investment trust should consult its tax advisor concerning the appropriate tax treatment of such excess portion.

Although there is no specific precedent and the characterization of the Strips is not entirely free from doubt, Strips should be considered to represent “loans . . . secured by an interest in real property” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(19)(C)(v) of the Code and generally should be considered to represent “real estate assets” within the meaning of Section 856(c)(5)(B) of the Code, and original issue discount and interest from the Strips generally should be considered to represent “interest on obligations secured by mortgages on real property” within the meaning of Section 856(c)(3)(B) of the Code. In the event that some portion of a Strip is backed by a Mortgage with an LTV in excess of 100 percent, a portion of the interest income on the Strip that is attributable to that Mortgage will not be “interest on obligations secured by mortgages on real property” within the meaning of Section 856(c)(3)(B) of the Code and a portion of the Strip that is attributable to a Mortgage with an LTV in excess of 100 percent will not be a “real estate asset” within the meaning of Section 856(c)(5)(B) of the Code. The portion of a Strip that does not qualify as a “real estate asset” within the meaning of Section 856(c)(5)(B) of the Code should represent a “Government security” within the meaning of Section 856(c)(4)(A) of the Code. If a Strip is backed by a Mortgage with an LTV in excess of 100 percent, a holder that is a real estate investment trust should consult its tax advisor concerning the appropriate tax treatment of such excess portion.”