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Notice

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FinCEN Provides FBAR Relief to Victims of Hurricane Michael; Parts of Florida and Georgia Now Eligible; Extension Filers Have Until February 28, 2019 to File

WASHINGTON — FinCEN announced today that Hurricane Michael victims in affected areas of Florida and Georgia have until February 28, 2019, to file their Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) report for the 2017 calendar year.

The FBAR for calendar year 2017 would otherwise be due no later than October 15, 2018.

FinCEN is offering this relief to any area designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as qualifying for individual or public assistance. Currently, this only includes parts of Florida and Georgia. Should FBAR filers in other localities, including other states, affected by Hurricane Michael be deemed eligible for individual or public assistance at a later date, they will automatically receive the same filing relief.

In addition, FinCEN will work with any FBAR filer who lives outside the disaster area but whose records required to meet the deadline are located in the affected area regardless of where the filer resides. FBAR filers who live outside the disaster area seeking assistance in meeting their filing obligations (including workers assisting the relief activities who are affiliated with a recognized government or philanthropic organization), should contact the FinCEN Resource Center at 800-767-2825 (703-905-3591 Not Toll Free) or FRC@fincen.gov.

FBAR relief is part of a coordinated Federal response to the damage caused by Hurricane Michael and is based on local damage assessments by FEMA. For information on disaster recovery, visit disasterassistance.gov.

For information on government-wide efforts related to Hurricane Michael, please visit: https://www.fema.gov/hurricane-michael.