that we will pay to holders of inflation-protected securities at maturity.

At maturity, if . . .	then . . .
(i) the inflation-adjusted principal is equal to or more than the par amount of the security..	we will pay the inflation-adjusted principal.
(ii) the inflation-adjusted principal is less than the par amount of the security, and the security has not been stripped..	we will pay an additional amount so that the additional amount plus the inflation-adjusted principal equals the par amount.
(iii) the inflation-adjusted principal is less than the par amount of the security, and the security has been stripped..	to holders of principal components only we will pay an additional amount so that the additional amount plus the inflation-adjusted principal equals the par amount.

(2) Regardless of whether or not we pay an additional amount, we will base the final interest payment on the inflation-adjusted principal at maturity.

(c) *Discharge of payment obligations*—(1) *The commercial book-entry system.* We discharge our payment obligations when we credit payment to the account maintained at a Federal Reserve Bank for a depository institution or other authorized entity, or when we make payment according to the instructions of the person or entity maintaining the account. Further, we do not have any obligations to any person or entity that does not have an account with a Federal Reserve Bank. We also will not recognize the claims of any person or entity:

(i) That does not have an account at a Federal Reserve Bank, or

(ii) With respect to any accounts not maintained at a Federal Reserve Bank.

(2) *TreasuryDirect®.* We discharge our payment obligations when we make payment to a depository institution for credit to the account specified by the owner of the security, when we make payment for a certificate of indebtedness to be issued and held in the owner's account, or when we make payment according to the instructions of the security's owner or the owner's legal representative.

(3) *Legacy Treasury Direct®.* We discharge our payment obligations when we make payment to a depository institution for credit to the account specified by the owner of the security, or when we make payment according to the instructions of the security's owner or the owner's legal representative.

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§ 356.31 How does the STRIPS program work?

(a) *General.* Notes or bonds may be ''stripped''—divided into separate principal and interest components. These components must be maintained in the commercial book-entry system. Stripping is done at the option of the holder, and may occur at any time from issuance until maturity. We provide the CUSIP numbers and payment dates for the principal and interest components in auction announcements and on our Web site at *http://www.treasurydirect.gov.*

(b) *Treasury fixed-principal securities (notes and bonds other than Treasury inflation-protected securities*—(1) *Minimum par amounts required for STRIPS.* The minimum par amount of a fixed-principal security that may be stripped is $100. Any par amount to be stripped above $100 must be in a multiple of $100.

(2) *Principal components.* Principal components stripped from fixed-principal securities are maintained in accounts, and transferred, at their par amount. They have a CUSIP number that is different from the CUSIP number of the fully constituted (unstripped) security.

(3) *Interest components.* Interest components stripped from fixed-principal securities have the following features:

(i) They are maintained in accounts, and transferred, at their original payment value, which is derived by multiplying the semiannual interest rate and the par amount;

(ii) Their interest payment date becomes the maturity date for the component;

(iii) All interest components with the same maturity date have the same CUSIP number, regardless of the underlying security from which the interest payments were stripped, and therefore are fungible (interchangeable).

(iv) the CUSIP numbers of interest components are different from the CUSIP numbers of principal components and fully constituted securities, even if they have the same maturity date, and therefore are not fungible.

(c) *Treasury inflation-protected securities*—(1) *Minimum par amounts required for STRIPS.* The minimum par amount of an inflation-protected security that may be stripped is $100. Any par amount to be stripped above $100 must be in a multiple of $100.

(2) *Principal components.* Principal components stripped from inflation-protected securities are maintained in accounts, and transferred, at their par amount. At maturity, the holder will receive the inflation-adjusted principal or the par amount, whichever is greater. (See § 356.30.) A principal component has a CUSIP number that is different from the CUSIP number of the fully constituted (unstripped) security.

(3) *Interest components*—(i) *Adjusted value.* Interest components stripped from inflation-protected securities are maintained in accounts, and transferred, at their adjusted value. This value is derived by multiplying the semiannual interest rate by the par amount and then multiplying this value by: 100 divided by the Reference CPI of the original issue date. (The dated date is used instead of the original issue date when the dates are different.) See appendix B, section IV of this part for an example of how to do this calculation.

(ii) *CUSIP numbers.* When an interest payment is stripped from an inflation-protected security, the interest payment date becomes the maturity date for the component. All interest components with the same maturity date have the same CUSIP number, regardless of the underlying security from which the interest payments were stripped. Such interest components are fungible (interchangeable). The CUSIP numbers of interest components are different from the CUSIP numbers of principal components and fully constituted securities, even if they have the same maturity date.

(iii) *Payment at maturity.* At maturity, the payment to the holder will be derived by multiplying the adjusted value of the interest component by the Reference CPI of the maturity date, divided by 100. See appendix B, section IV of this part for an example of how to do this calculation.

(iv) *Rebasing of the CPI.* If the CPI is rebased to a different time base reference period (See appendix D.), the adjusted values of all outstanding inflation-protected interest components will be converted to adjusted values based on the new base reference period. At that time, we will publish information that describes how this conversion will occur. After rebasing, any interest components created from a security that was issued during a prior base reference period will be issued with adjusted values calculated using reference CPIs under the most-recent base reference period.

(d) *Reconstituting a security.* Stripped interest and principal components may be reconstituted, that is, put back together into their fully constituted form. A principal component and all related unmatured interest components, in the appropriate minimum or multiple amounts or adjusted values, must be submitted together for reconstitution. Because inflation-protected interest components are different from fixed-principal interest components, they are not interchangeable for reconstitution purposes.

(e) *Applicable regulations.* Subparts A, B, and D of part 357 of this chapter govern notes and bonds stripped into their STRIPS components, unless we state differently in this part.

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§ 356.32 What tax rules apply?

(a) *General.* Securities issued under this part are subject to all applicable taxes imposed under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or its successor. Under section 3124 of title 31, United States Code, the securities are exempt from taxation by a State or political subdivision of a State, except for State estate or inheritance taxes and other exceptions as provided in that section.

(b) *Treasury inflation-protected securities.* Special federal income tax rules for inflation-protected securities, including stripped inflation-protected principal and interest components, are set forth in Internal Revenue Service regulations.