

political subdivision of a State, except for estate or inheritance taxes. (See 31 U.S.C. 3124.)

**2. What reporting methods are available for savings bonds?**

(a) *Reporting methods.* You may use either of the following two methods for reporting the increase in the redemption value of the bond for Federal income tax purposes:

(1) *Cash basis method.* You may defer reporting the increase to the year of final maturity, redemption, or other disposition, whichever is earliest; or

(2) *Accrual basis method.* You may elect to report the increase each year, in which case the election applies to all Series EE bonds that you then own, those subsequently acquired, and to any other obligations purchased on a discount basis.

(b) *Changing methods.* If you use the cash basis method, you may change to the accrual basis method without obtaining permission from the Internal Revenue Service. However, once you elect to use the accrual basis method in paragraph (a)(2), you may change the method of reporting the increase only by following the specific procedures prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service for making a method change. For further information, you may contact the Internal Revenue Service director for your area, or the Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC 20224.

**3. What transactions have potential tax consequences?**

The following types of transactions, among others, may have potential tax consequences:

(a) A reissue that affects the rights of any of the persons named on a definitive Series EE savings bond may have tax consequences for the owner.

(b) The transfer of a book-entry Series EE savings bond from one owner to another may have tax consequences for the transferor.

(c) The redemption of a book-entry Series EE savings bond by the secondary owner may have tax consequences for the primary owner.

(d) The purchase of a Series EE savings bond as a gift may have gift tax consequences.

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### § 352.0 Offering of bonds.

The Secretary of the Treasury offered to the people of the United States, United States Savings Bonds of Series HH in exchange for eligible United States Savings Bonds of Series E and EE and United States Savings Notes (Freedom Shares). This offering is being withdrawn and will terminate at the close of business on August 31, 2004.

[69 FR 40318, July 2, 2004]

### § 352.1 Governing regulations.

Series HH bonds are subject to the regulations of the Department of the Treasury, now or hereafter prescribed, governing United States Savings Bonds of Series EE and HH contained in Department of the Treasury Circular, Fiscal Service Series No. 3-80, as amended (31 CFR part 353), hereinafter referred to as Circular No. 3-80.

### § 352.2 Description of bonds.

(a) *General.* Series HH bonds were issued only in registered form and are nontransferable. The bonds are distinguishable by the portraits, color, border design, tax-deferral legend, and text material.

(b) *Denominations and prices.* Series HH bonds were issued at face amount and are in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000.

(c) *Term.* Each bond bears an issue date which is the date from which interest is earned. The date was established as provided in § 352.7(f). Series HH bonds have an original maturity period of 10 years and have been granted an extended maturity period of 10 years; they will reach final maturity 20 years from their issue dates.

(d) *Redemption.* A Series HH bond may be redeemed after six months from its issue date. The Secretary of the Treasury may not call Series HH bonds

for redemption prior to maturity. In any case where Series HH bonds are surrendered to an authorized paying agent for redemption in the month prior to an interest payment date, redemption will not be deferred but will be made in regular course, unless the presenter specifically requests that the transaction be delayed until that date. A request to defer redemption made more than one month preceding the interest payment date will not be accepted.

(e) *Investment yield (interest)*. (1) During original maturity. Interest payments on Series HH bonds will produce the investment yields specified below during their original maturity period:

(i) *Bonds with issue dates of January 1, 2003, and thereafter*. The investment yield applicable to Series HH bonds issued on or after January 1, 2003, will be furnished in rate announcements by the Secretary or the Secretary's designee. The rate announced will apply to bonds issued during the period covered by the announcement.

(ii) *Bonds with issue dates of March 1, 1993, through December 1, 2002*. Series HH bonds with issue dates of March 1, 1993, through December 1, 2002, yield 4 percent per annum, paid semiannually, to original maturity.

(iii) *Bonds with issue dates of November 1, 1986, through February 1, 1993*. Series HH bonds with issue dates of November 1, 1986, through February 1, 1993, yield 6 percent per annum, paid semiannually, to original maturity.

(iv) *Bonds with issue dates of November 1, 1986, through September 1, 1989*. Series HH bonds with issue dates of November 1, 1986, through September 1, 1989, will yield 6 percent per annum, paid semiannually, to original maturity.

(v) *Bonds with issue dates of November 1, 1982, through October 1, 1986*. Series HH bonds with issue dates of November 1, 1982, through October 1, 1986, will yield 7.5 percent per annum, paid semiannually, to original maturity.

(vi) *Bonds with issue dates of May 1, 1981, through October 1, 1982*. Series HH bonds with issue dates of May 1, 1981, through October 1, 1982, will yield 8.5 percent per annum, paid semiannually, to original maturity.

(vii) *Bonds with issue dates of November 1, 1980, through April 1, 1981*. Series

HH bonds with issue dates of November 1, 1980, through April 1, 1981, were originally offered to yield 7.5 percent per annum, paid semiannually. The yield to original maturity was increased by 1 percent, effective with the first full semiannual interest accrual period beginning on or after May 1, 1981.

(viii) *Bonds with issue dates of January 1, 1980, through October 1, 1980*. Series HH bonds with issue dates of January 1, 1980, through October 1, 1980, were originally offered to yield 6.5 percent per annum, paid semiannually. The yield to original maturity was increased by 1 percent, effective with the first full semiannual interest accrual period beginning on or after November 1, 1980, and an additional 1 percent, effective with the first full semiannual interest accrual period beginning on or after May 1, 1981.

(2) *During extended maturity*. The investment yields for Series HH bonds during their extended maturity periods are as specified in paragraphs (e)(2)(i), (ii), and (iii) of this section.

(i) *Bonds that enter an extended maturity period on or after January 1, 2003*. The investment yield applicable to Series HH bonds that enter an extended maturity period on or after January 1, 2003, will be furnished in rate announcements by the Secretary or the Secretary's designee. The rate announced will apply to bonds that enter an extended maturity period during the period covered by the announcement.

(ii) *Bonds that entered an extended maturity period from March 1, 1993, through December 1, 2002*. The investment yield applicable to Series HH bonds that entered an extended maturity period from March 1, 1993, through December 1, 2002, is 4 percent per annum, paid semiannually.

(iii) *Bonds that entered an extended maturity period from January 1, 1990, through February 1, 1993*. The investment yield applicable to Series HH bonds that entered into an extended maturity period from January 1, 1990, through February 1, 1993, is 6 percent per annum, paid semiannually.

(f) *Payment of interest*. The interest on a Series HH bond is paid semiannually beginning six months from the issue date. Interest ceases at final maturity or, if the bond is redeemed before final

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maturity, as of the end of the interest period preceding the date of redemption. If the redemption date falls on an interest payment date, interest ceases on that date.

(1) *Bonds issued on or after October 1, 1989.* Interest on Series HH bonds issued on or after October 1, 1989, will be paid by the automated clearing house (ACH) method to the registered owner or co-owner's account at a financial institution, unless the Bureau of the Fiscal Service determines that extraordinary circumstances warrant payment by check or other means.

(2) *Bonds issued prior to October 1, 1989.* Interest on Series HH bonds issued prior to October 1, 1989, will be paid as follows:

(i) By check drawn to the order of the registered owner or both coowners; or

(ii) Upon request, by the ACH method to the owner or coowner's account at a financial institution.

(g) *Rules governing payment of interest by the ACH method.* Provisions contained in § 353.31 of Department of the Treasury Circular, Fiscal Service Series No. 3-80, as amended (31 CFR part 353), apply to the submission of deposit account information for Series HH interest payments made on and after October 1, 1989, for which ACH payment:

(1) Is required under paragraph (f)(1) of this section;

(2) Is requested by an owner or co-owner on or after October 1, 1989, pursuant to paragraph (f)(2) of this section; or

(3) Was requested by an owner or co-owner prior to October 1, 1989.

Interest payments made by the ACH method on and after October 1, 1989, will be processed in accordance with 31 CFR part 370.

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1535-0094)

(h) *Tables of interest payments and redemption values.* Tables showing the interest payments and redemption values of bonds issued under previous revisions of this Circular will be available from the Bureau of the Fiscal Service and designated Federal Reserve Banks.

[54 FR 40249, Sept. 29, 1989, as amended at 58 FR 60947, Nov. 18, 1993; 59 FR 10540, Mar. 4, 1994; 67 FR 79384, Dec. 24, 2002; 69 FR 40318, July 2, 2004]

### § 352.3 Registration and issue.

(a) *Registration.* Series HH bonds may be registered as set forth in subpart B of 31 CFR part 353, also published as Department of the Treasury Circular, Fiscal Service Series No. 3-80.

(b) *Validity of issue.* A bond is validly issued when it is registered as provided 31 CFR part 353, also published as Department of the Treasury Circular, Fiscal Service Series No. 3-80, and bears an issue date and appropriate validation indicia.

(c) *Taxpayer identifying number.* The registration of a bond must include the taxpayer identifying number of the owner or first-named co-owner. The taxpayer identifying number of the second-named coowner or beneficiary is not required but its inclusion is desirable.

[54 FR 40249, Sept. 29, 1989, as amended at 57 FR 14286, Apr. 17, 1992; 71 FR 46857, Aug. 15, 2006]

### § 352.4 Limitation on purchases.

Series HH bonds issued under the terms of this Circular were not subject to a purchase limitation.

[54 FR 40249, Sept. 29, 1989, as amended at 69 FR 40318, July 2, 2004]

### § 352.5 Authorized issuing and paying agents.

Series HH bonds were issued and may be redeemed only by Federal Reserve Banks (see § 352.13) and the Bureau of the Fiscal Service.

[69 FR 40318, July 2, 2004]

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### § 352.7 Issues on exchange.

(a) *Securities eligible for exchange.* Prior to the close of business on August 31, 2004, owners were permitted to exchange United States Savings Bonds of Series E and EE and United States Savings Notes (Freedom Shares) at their current redemption values for Series HH bonds. Series E bonds and savings notes remained eligible for exchange for a period of one year from the month in which they reached final maturity. Series EE bonds issued on January 1, 2003, or earlier, became eligible for exchange six months after their issue dates. Series EE bonds

issued on February 1, 2003, or thereafter, became eligible for exchange 12 months after their issue dates.

(b) *Basis for issue.* Series HH bonds were issued on exchange by an authorized issuing agent upon receipt of a properly executed exchange application with eligible securities, and additional cash, if any, and any supporting evidence that was required under the regulations. If eligible securities were submitted directly to a Federal Reserve Bank referred to in §351.13, each was required to bear a properly signed and certified request for payment. Checks in payment of additional cash needed to complete a transaction (see paragraph (d) of this section) were required to be drawn to the order of the Federal Reserve Bank.

(c) *Role of financial institutions.* Department of the Treasury Circular No. 750, current revision (31 CFR part 321), authorizes financial institutions qualified as paying agents for savings bonds and notes to redeem eligible securities presented for exchange and to forward an exchange application and full payment to a Federal Reserve Bank referred to in §351.13 for the issue of Series HH bonds. The securities redeemed on exchange by such an institution were required to be securities that it is authorized to redeem for cash.

(d) *Computation of issue price.* The total current redemption value of the eligible securities submitted for exchange in any one transaction was required to be \$500 or more. If the current redemption value was an even multiple of \$500, Series HH bonds were required to be issued in that exact amount. If the current redemption value exceeded, but was not an even multiple of \$500, the owner had the option either:

(1) To add the cash necessary to bring the amount of the application to the next higher multiple of \$500, or

(2) To receive a payment to reduce the amount of the application to the next lower multiple of \$500.

(e) *Registration.* A Series HH bond issued on exchange was permitted to be registered in any form authorized in subpart B of Circular No. 3-80, subject to the following restrictions:

(1) If the securities submitted for exchange were in single ownership form, the owner was required to be named as

owner or first-named coowner on the Series HH bonds. A coowner or beneficiary was permitted to be named.

(2) If the securities submitted for exchange were in coownership form, and one coowner was the “principal coowner”, that person was required to be named as owner or first-named coowner on the Series HH bonds. A coowner or beneficiary was also permitted to be named. The “principal coowner” was the coowner who purchased the securities presented for exchange with his or her own funds, or received them as a gift, inheritance or legacy, or as a result of judicial proceedings, and had them reissued in coownership form, provided he or she had received no contribution in money or money’s worth for designating the other coowner on the securities.

(3) If the securities presented for exchange were in coownership form, and both coowners shared in their purchase or received them jointly as a gift, inheritance, or legacy or as a result of judicial proceedings, both persons were required to be named as coowners on the Series HH bonds.

(4) If the securities presented for exchange were in beneficiary form, the owner was required to be named on the Series HH bonds as owner or first-named coowner. If the owner was deceased, a surviving beneficiary was required to be named as owner or first-named coowner. In either case, a coowner or beneficiary was permitted to be named.

(f) *Issue date.* Series HH bonds issued on exchange were dated as of the first day of the month in which the eligible securities presented for exchange were redeemed by an authorized paying agent, as evidenced in the payment stamp on the securities and the exchange application.

(g) *Tax-deferred exchanges.* (1) Continuation of tax deferral. Pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, an owner who had not been reporting the interest on his or her Series E or EE bonds and savings notes on an accrual basis for Federal income tax purposes, and who exchanged those securities for Series HH bonds, was permitted to continue to defer reporting the interest on the securities exchanged until the taxable

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year in which the Series HH bonds received in the exchange reach final maturity, are redeemed, or are otherwise disposed of, whichever is earlier. A re-issue transaction that affects any of the persons required to be named on the Series HH bonds, as set forth in paragraph (e) of this section, may result in termination of the tax deferral privilege.

(2) *Tax deferral legend.* Each bond issued in a tax-deferred exchange bore a legend showing how much of its issue price represented interest on the securities exchanged. This interest must be treated as income for Federal income tax purposes and reported in accordance with paragraph (g)(1) of this section.

(3) *Reporting of interest paid to owner.* To the extent that it represented interest earned on the securities presented for exchange, an amount paid to an owner in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section was reportable as income for Federal income tax purposes for the year in which it was paid. Pursuant to 26 CFR 1.6049.4, a paying agent was required to report interest income of \$10 or more included in any amount paid in an exchange transaction to the payee and to the Internal Revenue Service on Form 1099-INT or an approved substitute. A separate report was permitted to be made for each exchange transaction in which interest in the amount of \$10 or more was paid, or all interest paid in both cash redemption and exchange transactions was permitted to be aggregated and reported annually should the total amount be \$10 or more.

(h) *Exchanges without tax deferral.* The rules prescribed for exchanges under paragraphs (a) through (f) of this section also applied to exchanges by owners who report the interest earned on their bonds of Series E and EE and savings notes annually for Federal income tax purposes, or elect to report all such interest that was not previously reported for the taxable year of the exchange. Series HH bonds issued in a nontax-deferred exchange were required to show a “0” in the tax-deferral legend.

[69 FR 40318, July 2, 2004]

## § 352.8 Reinvestment of matured Series H bonds.

(a) *General.* Prior to the close of business on August 31, 2004, the proceeds of matured Series H and HH bonds, whether purchased for cash or issued in exchange for other securities, were permitted to be reinvested in Series HH bonds. Tax deferral granted to interest earned on securities exchanged for Series H bonds was not permitted to be continued when the Series H bonds reached final maturity and their proceeds were reinvested in Series HH bonds. The amount appearing in the legend on a matured Series H bond on which tax deferral was granted must be reported for Federal income tax purposes for the year of such final maturity.

(b) *Rules.* The reinvestment transaction were subject to the rules governing exchanges, as set forth in § 352.7 of this Circular, and the Series HH bonds issued on reinvestment were identical in all respects with those issued in a non-tax-deferred exchange.

[54 FR 40249, Sept. 29, 1989, as amended at 69 FR 40319, July 2, 2004]

## § 352.9 Delivery of bonds.

Authorized issuing agents delivered Series HH bonds by mail at the risk and expense of the United States to the address given by the applicant, if it is within the United States, one of its territories or possessions, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. No mail deliveries elsewhere were made. Bonds acquired by a citizen of the United States residing abroad were delivered only to such address in the United States as the applicant directs.

[54 FR 40249, Sept. 29, 1989, as amended at 69 FR 40319, July 2, 2004]

## § 352.10 Taxation.

The interest paid on Series HH bonds is subject to all taxes imposed under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended. The bonds are subject to estate, inheritance, gift, or other excise taxes, whether Federal or State, but are exempt from all taxation now or hereafter imposed on the principal or interest by any State or any local taxing authority.

**§ 352.11 Reservation as to issue of bonds.**

The Commissioner of the Fiscal Service, as delegate of the Secretary of the Treasury, reserved the right to reject any application for Series HH bonds, in whole or in part, and to refuse to issue or permit to be issued any bonds in any case or class of cases, if the action was deemed to be in the public interest. The Commissioner's action in such respect was final.

[54 FR 40249, Sept. 29, 1989, as amended at 69 FR 40319, July 2, 2004]

**§ 352.12 Waiver.**

The Commissioner of the Fiscal Service, as delegate of the Secretary of the Treasury, may waive or modify any provision of this Circular in any particular case or class of cases for the convenience of the United States or in

order to relieve any person or persons of unnecessary hardship if:

(a) Such action would not be inconsistent with law or equity;

(b) It does not impair any existing rights; and

(c) The Commissioner is satisfied that such action would not subject the United States to any substantial expense or liability.

**§ 352.13 Fiscal agents.**

(a) Federal Reserve Banks and Branches, referred to below, as fiscal agents of the United States, are authorized to perform such services as may be requested of them by the Secretary of the Treasury, or his or her delegate, in connection with the issue, servicing, and redemption of Series HH bonds.

(b)(1) The following Federal Reserve Offices have been designated to provide savings bond services:

Servicing office	Reserve districts served	Geographic area served
Federal Reserve Bank, Buffalo Branch, P.O. Box 961, Buffalo, NY 14240.	New York, Boston	CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ (northern half), NY (City & State), RI, VT, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.
Federal Reserve Bank, Pittsburgh Branch, P.O. Box 867, Pittsburgh, PA 15230.	Cleveland, Philadelphia.	DE, KY (eastern half), NJ (southern half), OH, PA, WV (northern panhandle).
Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, P.O. Box 27622, Richmond, VA 23261.	Richmond, Atlanta	AL, DC, FL, LA (southern half), MD, MS (southern half), NC, SC, TN (eastern half), VA, WV (except northern panhandle).
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55480.	Minneapolis, Chicago.	IA, IL (northern half), IN (northern half), MN, MT, ND, SD, WI.
Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64198.	Dallas, San Francisco, Kansas City, St. Louis.	AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, IL (southern half), IN (southern half), KS, KY (western half), LA (northern half), MO, MS (northern half), NE, NM, NV, OK, OR, TN (western half), TX, WA, WY, UT and GU.

(2) Until March 1, 1996, other Federal Reserve Offices may continue to provide some savings bond services, but such services will be phased out over the period prior to that date.

[59 FR 10541, Mar. 4, 1994]

**§ 352.14 Reservation as to terms of offer.**

The Secretary of the Treasury may at any time or from time to time supplement or amend the terms of this offering of bonds.

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