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Tender means an offer, or bid, to purchase a marketable Treasury security.

Transaction is any action affecting Treasury securities or account information.

Transfer is a transaction to move a security, or a portion of a security, from one account to another within TreasuryDirect, or to move a marketable Treasury security to or from a TreasuryDirect account and an account in Legacy Treasury Direct or the commercial book-entry system.

Verification means confirming the identity of an online applicant for a TreasuryDirect account at account establishment using an online verification service or offline verification.

Verification service means a public or private service that confirms the identity of an online applicant for a TreasuryDirect account at account establishment using information provided by the applicant.

Voluntary representative means the person qualified by the Department of the Treasury to accept payment or direct distribution of a decedent's securities pursuant to §363.44.

We, us, or our refers to the Bureau of the Public Debt. The term includes the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary's delegates at the Treasury Department and Bureau of the Public Debt. The term also includes any fiscal or financial agent we designate to act on behalf of the United States.

You or your refers to a TreasuryDirect primary account holder.

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Subpart B—General Provisions Governing Securities Held in TreasuryDirect

§§ 363.7–363.8 [Reserved]

§363.9 What does this subpart cover?

This subpart provides general rules governing securities held within the

TreasuryDirect® system. Provisions in the subparts governing specific securities that conflict with these general rules will supersede these general rules.

[70 FR 57433, Sept. 30, 2005]

§363.10 What is a TreasuryDirect® account?

A TreasuryDirect account is an online account maintained by us solely in your name in which you may hold and conduct transactions in eligible book-entry Treasury securities.

(a) *Primary account.* The primary account is the account that you establish when initially opening your TreasuryDirect account. The primary account may contain the following Treasury securities:

(1) *Individual.* A primary account for an individual may contain Treasury securities purchased initially as book-entry securities that are your personal holdings registered in single owner, owner with beneficiary, and primary owner with secondary owner forms of registration; gifts of savings bonds that have not yet been delivered; and converted savings bonds that were transferred from the conversion linked account.

(2) *Entities.* A primary account for an entity may contain Treasury securities purchased initially as book-entry securities registered in the name of the entity and converted savings bonds in the name of the entity that were transferred from the conversion linked account.

(b) *Linked account.* A linked account is an account that is a separate account from your primary account, but that is connected to your primary account. You use your primary account as a portal to open and access the linked account. Linked accounts include the following:

(1) *Custom account.* A custom account is an account that is linked to your primary account. You use your primary account as the portal to open and access your custom account. You may informally designate a purpose for the custom account, for example, "vacation fund", or "Johnny's college fund". However, the designation as to purpose has no legal effect; the registration of

the securities held in the custom account determines ownership (Annual purchase limitations include securities held in custom accounts). You, as an individual owner, may use your custom account to buy, redeem, and transfer securities that you own in single owner, owner with beneficiary, and primary owner with secondary owner forms of registration. An individual owner may also buy and deliver gift savings bonds from the custom account. An entity account manager, acting on behalf of an entity, may use the entity's custom account to buy, redeem, and transfer securities registered in the entity form of registration.

(2) *Minor account.* A minor account is an account established by an individual custodian for an individual who has not yet reached the age of 18 years. We do not permit an entity to open a minor account. A minor account is linked to the custodian's primary account. The minor is the owner of the securities, but the custodian controls the account on behalf of the minor. (See §363.27 for more information about minor accounts.)

(3) *Conversion account* means a linked account in TreasuryDirect that contains only savings bonds that have been converted from definitive bonds to book-entry bonds.

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§363.11 Who is eligible to open a TreasuryDirect® account?

Only an individual or an entity is eligible to open a TreasuryDirect account. In order to open a TreasuryDirect account, an individual or entity account manager must have a valid social security number (SSN), be 18 years of age or over, and be legally competent. An entity must have a valid SSN or employer identification number. The account owner must have a United States address of record and have an account at a United States depository financial institution that will accept debits and credits using the Automated Clearing House method of payment.

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§363.12 Who may purchase and hold book-entry securities in TreasuryDirect®?

(a) A TreasuryDirect account owner may purchase and hold securities through his or her account.

(b) We do not permit a legally incompetent person to open an account, purchase securities, or convert savings bonds once we have been provided with an order from a court with appropriate jurisdiction determining incompetence to perform such activities.

(c) We do not permit a voluntary representative to purchase securities on behalf of the estate of a decedent.

(d) We may reject any application for the purchase of a security, in whole or in part. We may refuse to issue a security in any case or class of cases, if we deem the action to be in the public interest. Our decision in any such respect is final.

[70 FR 57433, Sept. 30, 2005, as amended at 74 FR 19417, Apr. 29, 2009]

§363.13 How can I open a TreasuryDirect® account?

(a) *General.* You must establish a TreasuryDirect account online before you purchase a Treasury security to be held in your account. Instructions for online account establishment may be found at the official Public Debt website at <http://www.treasurydirect.gov>, or such other Internet address as Public Debt may from time to time announce by publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER. When you have completed the application, you will create a password to access your account. We will verify your identity and send your account number to you by e-mail when your account application is approved. In addition to your password, we may require you to use any other form(s) of authentication that we consider necessary for the protection of your account.

(b) *Entities.* An individual, referred to as an entity account manager, must establish an account on behalf of an entity. We will verify the identity of the entity account manager. We may verify the identity of the entity using any evidence we deem appropriate. The entity account manager must certify that he or she is authorized to open and access an account for the entity and