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last increased,¹ whichever occurs later, is determined using the applicable guaranteed minimum investment yield. This value is then used as the base upon which interest accrues during the extended maturity period at the guaranteed minimum investment yield in effect for savings bonds at the beginning of that period. The resulting semiannual values are then compared with the corresponding values determined by using the applicable market-based variable investment yields.

(2) *Market-based variable investment yield and resulting values during and extended maturity period.* The market-based variable investment yield from the first semiannual interest accrual date occurring on or after November 1, 1982 to each semiannual interest accrual date occurring on or after November 1, 1987, is determined as specified in paragraph (c) of this section. The value of a note on its first semiannual interest accrual date occurring on or after November 1, 1982 is used as the base upon which interest accrues during an extended maturity period at the applicable market-based variable investment yield. If redeemed, the note will receive the higher of the two values produced by using the applicable guaranteed minimum investment yield and the applicable market-based variable investment yield.

(e) *Market-based variable investment yields and tables of redemption values.* The market-based variable investment yields for notes redeemed during each 6-month period, beginning on May 1 and November 1 of each year, are made available prior to each of those dates by the Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26106-1328, accompanied by tables of the redemption values of notes for the following 6 months, based on either the applicable market-based variable investment yields or guaranteed minimum investment yields.

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¹The 11-year bonus was the last increase in the guaranteed minimum investment yield (see paragraph (b)(2)). Savings notes which were eligible to receive this bonus received it on the first semiannual interest accrual date which occurred on or after January 1, 1991.

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§ 342.4 Purchase—registration.

(a) *Purchase.* Savings notes, in combination with Series E bonds, could be purchased from any authorized issuing agent, a Federal Reserve Bank or Branch, or the Bureau of the Fiscal Service. Payment for the notes could be made in the same manner as payment for Series E savings bonds. Issuing agents delivered the notes at the time of purchase, or by mail at the risk and expense of the United States, but only within the United States, its territories and possessions and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. No mail deliveries elsewhere were made.

(b) *Registration.* The following restrictions applied to original issues of savings notes:

(1) They were limited to registration in the name of a natural person (whether adult or minor), alone, or with another natural person as co-owner or beneficiary, and

(2) They had to be identical in registration to the Series E bond purchased in combination therewith.

§ 342.5 Limitations.

(a) *Purchases—(1) Payroll savings plans.* Under a payroll savings plan, withholdings for notes could not exceed the ratio of \$1.08 for the notes to \$1 for the Series E bonds and could not exceed \$20.25 per weekly pay period, or \$40.50 per biweekly or semi-monthly pay period, or \$81 per monthly pay period.

(2) *Others.* In combination purchases of notes and Series E bonds, other than under a payroll savings plan, purchases of notes could not exceed \$350 (face amount) a quarter, and in no event could the annual limitation of \$1,350 (face amount) be exceeded.

(b) *Holdings.* The face amount of savings notes originally issued to any one person during any one calendar year, was limited to \$1,350.

§ 342.6 Taxation.

(a) *General.* For the purpose of determining taxes and tax exemptions, the increment in value represented by the difference between the purchase price and the redemption value received for a savings note is considered interest. The interest is subject to all taxes imposed under the Internal Revenue Code