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an Insurance Organization to be recognized (i.e., net worth is required to equal 0.45 of 1 percent of insured accounts or deposits).

(b) If, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury, any of the Insurance Organization's assets which cannot be liquidated promptly or are subject to restriction, encumbrance, or discredit, all or part of the value of such assets may be deducted from equity in making the computation. The Secretary of the Treasury may value the assets and liabilities in his discretion.

(c) An Insurance Organization's unqualified borrowing authority from its sponsoring State will be added to its equity in making the computation because such authority is equivalent to additional capitalization. An Insurance Organization's commercial borrowing authority and its reinsurance will be disregarded in making the computation, because these are not adequate substitutes for undercapitalization.

NOTE: For a delegation of authority to perform the functions described in §§ 226.3 and 226.4, see 44 FR 19406 of the FEDERAL REGISTER of April 3, 1979.

[43 FR 18972, May 2, 1978, as amended at 44 FR 19406, Apr. 3, 1979]

§ 226.5 Examinations.

(a) Examinations by State regulatory authorities or audits by CPA firms of Insurance Organizations shall be performed in accordance with, and at intervals prescribed by, State regulatory procedures. Copies of the reports shall be submitted to the Treasury.

(b) Examinations by State regulatory authorities or audits by CPA firms of insured financial institutions shall be performed in accordance with, and at intervals prescribed by, State regulatory procedures. In addition, an adequate monitoring system shall be employed to detect those institutions with financial problems.

§ 226.6 Financial reports.

Financial reports of Insurance Organizations shall be submitted to the Treasury at the same intervals they are submitted to State regulatory authorities. However, they need not be submitted more frequently than quarterly but, as a minimum, shall be sub-

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mitted annually. The Treasury may prescribe the format of such reports.

§ 226.7 Effective date.

The provisions of this part become effective November 2, 1978.

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PART 235—ISSUANCE OF SETTLEMENT CHECKS FOR FORGED CHECKS DRAWN ON DESIGNATED DEPOSITARIES

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AUTHORITY: 31 U.S.C. 3343.

SOURCE: 40 FR 6785, Feb. 14, 1975, unless otherwise noted.

§ 235.1 Scope of regulations.

This part governs the issuance of settlement checks for checks drawn on designated depositaries of the United States by accountable officers of the United States, that have been negotiated and paid on a forged or unauthorized indorsement.

[40 FR 6785, Feb. 14, 1975, as amended at 54 FR 35642, Aug. 29, 1989]

§ 235.2 Definition.

Accountable Officers of the United States, as used in these regulations, means disbursing officers authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury to maintain official accounts of the United States in depository banks located in the United States, its territories, and foreign countries, and to draw checks thereon in dollars or in foreign currencies.

§ 235.3 Settlement of claims.

Upon receipt of a claim by a payee or special indorsee on a check determined to have been paid on a forged indorsement under conditions satisfying the provisions set forth in 31 U.S.C. 3343, accountable officers of the United States, with respect to a check drawn on designated depositaries of the United States, in dollars or in foreign

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currency, shall cause to be issued a settlement check in the appropriate currency to the payee or special indorsee.

[40 FR 6785, Feb. 14, 1975, as amended at 49 FR 47001, 47002, Nov. 30, 1984; 54 FR 35642, Aug. 29, 1989]

§ 235.4 Check Forgery Insurance Fund.

The Check Forgery Insurance Fund, established pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3343, shall be available for use by the Commissioner, Financial Management Service, and accountable officers of the United States for the purpose of providing funding for settlements made to a payee or special indorsee pursuant to these regulations.

[40 FR 6785, Feb. 14, 1975, as amended at 49 FR 47001, 47002, Nov. 30, 1984]

§ 235.5 Reclamation amounts.

Amounts received by way of reclamation on forged checks shall be deposited to the credit of the Check Forgery Insurance Fund or to the appropriate foreign currency fund or other account charged for the settlement payment.

§ 235.6 Implementing instructions.

Procedural instructions implementing these regulations will be issued by the Commissioner of the Financial Management Service in volume I, part 4 of the Treasury Financial Manual.

[54 FR 35642, Aug. 29, 1989]

PART 240—INDORSEMENT AND PAYMENT OF CHECKS DRAWN ON THE UNITED STATES TREASURY

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AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301; 12 U.S.C. 391; 31 U.S.C. 3328, 3331, 3343, 3711, 3712, 3716, 3717; 332 U.S. 234 (1947); 318 U.S. 363 (1943).

SOURCE: 54 FR 35642, Aug. 29, 1989, unless otherwise noted.

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§ 240.1 Scope of regulations.

The regulations in this part prescribe the requirements for indorsement and the conditions for payment of checks drawn on the United States Treasury. These regulations also establish procedures for collection of amounts due the United States Treasury because of payments on checks bearing forged or other unauthorized indorsements or other material defects or alterations.

§ 240.2 Definitions.

(a) *Certifying agency* means an agency for whom a Treasury disbursing officer or a non-Treasury disbursing officer makes payment in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3325. The responsibilities of a certifying official are set forth at 31 U.S.C. 3528.

(b) *Check* or *Checks* means a check or checks drawn on the United States Treasury.

(c) *Check payment* means the amount paid to a presenting bank in accordance with § 240.9(a)(3) of this part.

(d) *Commissioner* means the Commissioner of the Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, 401 14th Street SW., Washington, DC 20227.

(e) *Days* means calendar days.

(f) *Financial institution* means any bank, savings bank, savings and loan association, Federal or State chartered credit union, or similar institution.

(g) *Item* means a reference in a monthly interest billing statement to a check for the amount of which Treasury has demanded refund from a presenting bank.

(h) *Monthly interest billing statement* means a statement prepared by Treasury and sent to a presenting bank