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of the two book-entry securities systems—TRADES or TREASURY DIRECT—described in this section. Securities are maintained and transferred, to the extent authorized in 31 CFR part 357, in these two book-entry systems at their par amount, e.g., for inflation-indexed securities, adjustments for inflation will not be included in this amount. Securities may be transferred from one system to the other in accordance with Treasury regulations governing book-entry Treasury bills, notes, and bonds. See Department of the Treasury Circular, Public Debt Series No. 2-86, as amended (31 CFR part 357).

(a) *Treasury/Reserve Automated Debt Entry System (TRADES)*. TRADES is established, maintained and operated by the Federal Reserve Banks acting as fiscal agents of the United States, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 391. The Federal Reserve Banks maintain book-entry accounts for themselves, depository institutions, and other authorized entities, such as government and international agencies and foreign central banks. In their accounts, depository institutions maintain securities held for their own account and for the accounts of others, including other depository institutions and dealers, which may, in turn, maintain accounts for others. For accounts maintained in TRADES, Treasury discharges its payment obligations when payment is credited to the applicable account maintained at a Federal Reserve Bank or payment is made in accordance with the instructions of the person or entity maintaining such account. Further, neither Treasury nor the Federal Reserve Banks have any obligations to, nor will they recognize any claims of, any person or entity that does not have an account at a Federal Reserve Bank. In addition, neither Treasury nor the Federal Reserve Banks will recognize the claims of any person or entity with respect to any accounts not maintained at a Federal Reserve Bank.

(b) *TREASURY DIRECT*. TREASURY DIRECT is a system in which the book-entry securities of account holders are identified and maintained directly on the records of the Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury. In TREASURY DIRECT, Treasury dis-

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charges its payment obligations when payment is made to a depository institution for credit to the account specified by the owner of the security, or when payment is made in accordance with the instructions of the owner of the security.

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§ 356.4 Functions of Federal Reserve Banks.

Federal Reserve Banks, as fiscal agents of the United States, are authorized to perform all activities necessary to carry out the provisions of this part, any offering announcements, and applicable regulations.

§ 356.5 Description of securities.

Securities offered pursuant to this part are offered exclusively in book-entry form and are direct obligations of the United States, issued under chapter 31 of title 31 of the United States Code. The securities are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this part, including the appendices, as well as the regulations governing book-entry Treasury bills, notes, and bonds (31 CFR part 357), and the offering announcements, all to the extent applicable. When the Department issues additional securities with the same CUSIP number as outstanding securities, all securities with the same CUSIP number are considered the same security.

(a) *Treasury bills*. Treasury bills are issued at a discount, are redeemed at their par amount at maturity, and have maturities of not more than one year.

(b) *Treasury notes*—(1) *Treasury fixed-principal*¹ notes. Treasury fixed-principal notes are issued with a stated rate of interest to be applied to the par amount, have interest payable semi-annually, and are redeemed at their par amount at maturity. They are sold

¹The term “fixed-principal” is used in this part to distinguish such securities from “inflation-indexed” securities. Fixed-principal notes and fixed-principal bonds are referred to as “notes” and “bonds” in official Treasury publications, such as offering announcements and auction results press releases, as well as in auction systems.

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at discount, par, or premium, depending upon the auction results. They have maturities of at least one year, but not more than ten years.

(2) *Treasury inflation-indexed notes.* Treasury inflation-indexed notes are issued with a stated rate of interest to be applied to the inflation-adjusted principal on each interest payment date, have interest payable semiannually, and are redeemed at maturity at their inflation-adjusted principal, or at their par amount, whichever is greater. They are sold at discount, par, or premium, depending upon the auction results. They have maturities of at least one year, but not more than ten years. (See appendix B for price and interest payment calculations and appendix C for Investment Considerations.)

(c) *Treasury bonds*—(1) *Treasury fixed-principal bonds.* Treasury fixed-principal bonds are issued with a stated rate of interest to be applied to the par amount, have interest payable semiannually, and are redeemed at their par amount at maturity. They are sold at discount, par, or premium, depending upon the auction results. They typically have maturities of more than ten years.

(2) *Treasury inflation-indexed bonds.* Treasury inflation-indexed bonds are issued with a stated rate of interest to be applied to the inflation-adjusted principal on each interest payment date, have interest payable semiannually, and are redeemed at maturity at their inflation-adjusted principal, or at their par amount, whichever is greater. They are sold at discount, par, or premium, depending upon the auction results. They typically have maturities of more than ten years. (See appendix B for price and interest payment calculations and appendix C for Investment Considerations.)

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Subpart B—Bidding, Certifications, and Payment

§ 356.10 Offering announcement.

The Department provides public notice of the sale of bills, notes, and bonds by issuing an offering announcement. The offering announcement lists

the specifics of each offering, e.g., offering amount, term and type of security, CUSIP number, and issue and maturity dates. The offering announcement and this part, including the Appendices, specify the terms and conditions of sale. To the extent that the provisions of an offering announcement are inconsistent with the provisions of this part, the provisions of the offering announcement will control. Accordingly, bidders should read the applicable offering announcement in conjunction with this part. (See Exhibit A for sample announcements.)

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§ 356.11 Submission of bids.

(a) *General.* (1) Bids may be submitted directly to a Federal Reserve Bank that is authorized to accept tenders or to the Bureau of the Public Debt, Washington, DC, or through a depository institution or dealer that is authorized, pursuant to § 356.14, to submit bids on behalf of customers. Except as otherwise provided, tenders must be submitted in an approved format, including the use of preassigned identification numbers, where applicable. Competitive and noncompetitive bids must be received prior to the respective closing times specified in the offering announcement, except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section. Bids not received timely will not be recognized in the auction. Bids for securities are binding on the bidder after the closing time specified in the offering announcement.

(2) If the awarded securities are to be issued in TRADES, a submitter must have on file at a Federal Reserve Bank a certificate listing those persons who are authorized to submit tenders on its behalf. The certificate must be duly executed by an authorized person on behalf of the submitter. A tender will not be recognized if the person submitting the tender is not listed on the certificate. The submitter is responsible for any tenders submitted for the submitter by persons who are designated on the certificate as authorized to submit tenders on its behalf.

(b) *Submission of paper tenders.* (1) Paper tenders should be on preprinted forms provided by the Federal Reserve