

**§ 232.2 General instructions.**

(a) *Use of generally accepted accounting principles.* All contractors shall conform their accounting policies to generally accepted accounting principles (promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants).

(b) *Need to conform accounting information.* All contractors may continue to use their current accounting system, if the system provides a basis for the preparation of reports in the prescribed formats and is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

(c) *Reconciliation of financial reports.* When a program participant issues certified financial statements following accounting policies different from those followed for the financial statement filed with the Maritime Administration (such as reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, public service commissions or other regulatory agencies, or reports using other acceptable accounting methods differing from methods used for this regulation's purposes), the program participant shall clearly set forth the nature and amount of each adjustment necessary to reconcile the published statements with those filed with the Maritime Administration.

(d) *Submission of questions.* (1) A contractor may submit in writing any question involving the interpretation of any provision of this part for consideration and decision to the Director, Office of Financial Approvals, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Appeals from such interpretation will be in accordance with the interpretation letter.

(2) A contractor who has a question of financial accounting or reporting procedure pending before the Maritime Administration at the time a financial report is due shall file the report in accordance with established scheduled dates. The contractor shall include in the report a footnote disclosure that adequately describes the question pending, the manner of presentation in the report, and the relative impact on

the balance sheet and income statement, respectively.

(e) *Effective Date.* This regulation is effective as of December 27, 1993 and its requirements are mandatory for financial reports for accounting periods ending on or after December 31, 1993.

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**§ 232.3 Chart of accounts.**

(a) *Purpose of accounts.* A contractor shall use this chart of accounts as a guide for preparing the financial statements and for other required financial reports required to be submitted to the Maritime Administration. However, whenever there is a conflict between the meaning of any term used in the Chart of Accounts in this part 232 and that stated in any revision to generally accepted accounting principles, the meaning of the latter shall control and shall be followed.

(b) *Account numbers.* Contractors are not required to use these account numbers or titles for their internal accounting.

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## BALANCE SHEET

**§ 232.4 Balance sheet accounts.**

(a) *Accounts defined.* Each account is identified by an account number and an account title, followed by a text describing the accounting information to be included in that account. Where considered necessary, accounting procedures are also included to explain how the contractor shall disclose information for reporting purposes.

(b) *Purpose of balance sheet accounts.* The balance sheet accounts are intended to disclose the financial condition of the contractor as of a given date.

(A) *Asset Accounts.*

(1) *100 Cash.*

(i) This account shall include the amount of current funds available on demand in the hands of financial officers or deposited in banks or trust companies, including cash in transit