

written off as administratively uncollectible in accordance with authority delegated to the Director, Office of Finance and the Directors, Regional Finance Divisions, or referred to the appropriate Assistant General Counsel or Regional Counsel for further consideration.

(c) The General Counsel, delegated officials in the Office of General Counsel, and each Regional Counsel may compromise or suspend or terminate the collection of, referred claims under \$20,000, exclusive of interest, penalties and administrative charges under the Act and the Federal Claims Collection Standards 4 CFR parts 103 and 104.

(d) The Office of General Counsel officials listed in paragraph (c) of this section have the responsibility for referring to the Department of Justice all claims over \$20,000 exclusive of interest, penalties and administrative charges which cannot be compromised, suspended or terminated in accordance with the Federal Claims Collection Act and the Federal Claims Collections Standards. Referrals to the Department of Justice shall be made in accordance with 4 CFR part 105 of the Federal Claims Collections Standards.

§ 105-55.007 Collection by offset.

(a) Whenever feasible, after a debtor fails to pay the claim, request a review of the claim, or make an arrangement for payment. The Comptroller or his appropriate regional designee will collect claims under this part by means of administrative offset against obligations of the United States to the debtor, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3716, except offset of Federal salaries and claims arising out of contracts subject to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, 41 U.S.C. 601 et. seq.

(b) Salary offsets and offsets against military retired pay are governed by 5 U.S.C. 5514.

(c) Collection by administrative offset of amounts payable from Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund will be made pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5514 and 5 U.S.C. 5705 and regulations thereunder.

(d) The offset of claims arising out of contracts subject to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, 41 U.S.C. 601 et. seq.

will be made pursuant to the Government common law right of offset.

(e) GSA will promptly make requests for offset to other agencies holding funds payable to a debtor and provide instructions for the transfer of these funds. Requests for offset received from other agencies shall be processed promptly and the funds transferred to the requesting agency.

(f) If administrative offset cannot be effected through GSA or other known agency accounts receivable, then GSA will place a complete stop order against amounts otherwise payable to the debtor by placing the name of that debtor on the Department of the Army "List of Contractors Indebted to the United States." If any amounts are discovered under this procedure, they will be offset against the debt owed to GSA.

(g) GSA should not attempt to effect collection by administrative offset when:

(1) The debtor has ceased to do business and there are no known or potential obligations payable by any agency of the United States Government to the debtor.

(2) The debt in question is over ten years old.

(3) The debtor has either gone into receivership and has liquidated all of its assets or has filed a petition in bankruptcy as a no asset debtor, and there is no likelihood of the debtor resuming operations; and there are no known or potential obligations payable by any agency of the United States Government to the debtor. In the case of a bankruptcy petition, the automatic stay against setoff must be honored pending release from the stay.

(4) The debtor is deceased, and there are no attachable assets in the estate.

(5) Any other circumstances which would indicate that the likelihood of collection by administrative offset is less than probable.

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§ 105-55.008 Settlement of claims.

(a) In accordance with the provisions of 4 CFR part 103, GSA officials listed in § 105-55.006(c) may settle claims not exceeding \$20,000 exclusive of interest, penalties and administrative charges