

§ 363.113

**§ 363.113 Will Public Debt pay or transfer book-entry savings bonds pursuant to an order in a divorce proceeding?**

We will pay or transfer bonds pursuant to a divorce decree that either disposes of savings bonds or ratifies a property settlement agreement disposing of bonds. The owner (as defined in § 363.6) of the bonds must be a party to the proceedings. If the divorce decree does not set out the terms of the property settlement agreement, we will require a certified copy of the agreement.

**§ 363.114 Will Public Debt recognize a court order?**

We will recognize a final order entered by a court that affects ownership rights in a book-entry savings bonds only to the extent that the order is consistent with the provisions of this part. The owner (as defined in § 363.6) of the bond must be a party to the proceedings. We will require a certified copy of the court order.

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**§ 363.115 Will Public Debt pay a savings bonds pursuant to a levy?**

We will pay a savings bonds pursuant to a valid levy to satisfy a money judgment against the owner (as defined in § 363.6) of the bond. Payment will be made only to the extent necessary to satisfy the money judgment.

**§ 363.116 Will Public Debt pay a bond to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) pursuant to a levy?**

We will honor an IRS administrative levy under § 6331 of the Internal Revenue Code with respect to the owner (as defined in § 363.6).

**§ 363.117 Will Public Debt pay a bond to a trustee in bankruptcy or similar court officer?**

We will pay a savings bonds to a trustee in bankruptcy, a receiver of an insolvent's estate, a receiver in equity, or a similar court officer, if the original court order is against the owner (as defined in § 363.6).

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**§ 363.118 What evidence is required to establish the validity of judicial proceedings?**

(a) We require certified copies of the final judgment, decree, or court order, and any necessary supplementary proceedings.

(b) A request for payment by a trustee in bankruptcy or a receiver of an insolvent's estate must be supported by evidence of appointment and qualification.

(c) A request for payment by a receiver in equity or a similar court officer (other than a receiver of an insolvent's estate), must be supported by a copy of an order that authorizes the redemption of the bond.

**§ 363.119 Will Public Debt pay a bond pursuant to a forfeiture proceeding?**

(a) *General.* Bonds will be paid pursuant to a judicial or administrative forfeiture made by a Federal agency. We will rely exclusively upon the information provided by the Federal forfeiting agency and will not make any independent evaluation of the validity of the forfeiture order, the request for payment, or the authority of the individual signing the request for payment. The amount paid is limited to the redemption value of the savings bonds as of the date of forfeiture. All inquiries or claims from the previous owner will be referred to the forfeiting agency.

(b) *Definition of special terms relating to forfeitures.*

*Contact point* means the individual designated by the Federal investigative agency, United States Attorney's Office, or forfeiting agency, to receive referrals from Public Debt, using Public Debt Form 1522.

*Forfeiting agency* means the federal law enforcement agency responsible for the forfeiture.

*Forfeiture* means the process by which property may be forfeited by a federal agency. Administrative forfeiture is forfeiture by a federal agency without judicial proceedings; judicial forfeiture is a forfeiture through either a civil or criminal proceeding in a United States District Court resulting in a final judgment and order of forfeiture.

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