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beneficiary has consented to a change in the registration of the bonds after conversion; and

(4) Converted savings bonds of all series registered in the coowner form of registration, where the non-converting coowner has consented to a change in the registration of the bonds after conversion.

§ 363.161 What definitive savings bonds are eligible to be converted to book-entry bonds?

Series E, Series EE, and Series I savings bonds issued in denominations of \$25 or greater, in single owner, coowner, or owner with beneficiary forms of registration, are eligible for conversion to book-entry bonds in New Treasury Direct.

§ 363.162 Who may convert a definitive savings bond?

The owner of a New Treasury Direct primary account may convert a definitive savings bond.

(a) *Bond that is registered to the account owner.* The owner of a definitive savings bond registered in the single owner form of registration, either coowner of a bond registered in the coowner form of registration, and the owner of a bond registered in the owner with beneficiary form of registration of all eligible series, may convert that definitive bond to a book-entry bond to be held in his or her New Treasury Direct account.

(b) *Bond that is registered to someone other than the account owner.* We will convert an eligible definitive savings bond submitted by someone other than the registered owner of the savings bond. See the special rules in section 363.166.

§ 363.163 How do I convert an eligible definitive savings bond?

We will provide online instructions for converting your definitive savings bond. You must surrender to us the definitive bond to be converted at the time of conversion.

§ 363.164 Is a converted savings bond eligible to be converted back into a definitive bond?

Once a definitive savings bond has been converted to a book-entry bond, it

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may not be converted back into a definitive bond.

§ 363.165 What happens when I convert a savings bond that is registered in my name as the owner, either coowner, or the owner with a beneficiary?

(a) *Unmatured savings bond.* When the conversion is approved, an unmatured savings bond that is registered in the name of the New Treasury Direct account owner as single owner, either coowner, or owner with beneficiary, will be released to the account owner's conversion linked account.

(b) *Matured savings bond.* A matured savings bond that is registered in the name of the New Treasury Direct account owner as single owner, either coowner, or owner with beneficiary, will be converted to a book-entry bond and automatically redeemed. The redemption proceeds will be used to purchase a certificate of indebtedness in the account owner's name in his or her primary account.

§ 363.166 What happens when I convert a savings bond that is not registered in my name as owner, either coowner, or owner with beneficiary (including a bond registered in the name of a minor)?

We will presume that a savings bond registered in the name of someone other than the New Treasury Direct account owner (including a bond registered in the name of a minor), was purchased by the account owner as a gift for the registered owner.

(a) *Unmatured savings bond.* (1) *General.* An unmatured savings bond registered in the name of someone other than the account owner will be converted to a book-entry bond, released as a gift bond to the account owner's conversion linked account, and held until delivered to the New Treasury Direct account (or minor linked account, if the registered owner is a minor) of the registered owner.

(2) *Delivery of unmatured gift bond to registered owner.* The New Treasury Direct account owner may deliver the converted gift bond to the New Treasury Direct account (or minor linked account, if the registered owner is a minor) of the registered owner, or, if the bond is registered in the coowner

form of registration, to the account of either coowner. A bond registered in coowner or owner with beneficiary form of registration will retain the coowner or beneficiary form of registration upon delivery.

(b) *Matured savings bond.* (1) *General.* A matured savings bond registered in the name of someone other than the account owner will be converted to a book-entry bond, released as a gift bond into the account owner's conversion linked account, and automatically redeemed. We will hold the redemption proceeds in the name of the registered owner of the definitive bond until the proceeds are delivered to the New Treasury Direct account (or minor linked account, if the registered owner is a minor) of the registered owner.

(2) *Delivery of matured, redeemed bond proceeds to registered owner.* If the gift bond has matured and has been automatically redeemed, then the New Treasury Direct account owner may direct that the held redemption proceeds be delivered to the New Treasury Direct account of the registered owner (or minor linked account, if the registered owner is a minor), where we will use the proceeds to purchase a certificate of indebtedness in the name of the registered owner. If the bond is registered in the coowner form of registration, the account owner may direct that the held redemption proceeds be delivered to the account of either coowner, where we will use the proceeds to purchase a certificate of indebtedness in the name of the coowner to whose account the bond was delivered.

§ 363.167 How will a converted savings bond be registered?

The registration of the converted bond will be the same as on the definitive bond, provided that it was registered properly in an authorized form of registration. We will change a definitive savings bond that was not registered in an authorized form of registration to the closest authorized form of registration. For example, a definitive savings bond erroneously registered "John Doe and Jane Doe" will be changed to "John Doe or Jane Doe." We are not liable to any person for any such decision as to the closest form of authorized registration.

§ 363.168 What rules regarding registration apply to a converted savings bond?

(a) *Savings bond of any series registered in the single owner form of registration.* By converting a definitive bond of any eligible series registered in the single owner form of registration to book-entry in New Treasury Direct, the owner has consented to the bond being governed by the rules regarding registration contained in subpart C of this part.

(b) *Savings bond of Series EE or Series I registered in the owner with beneficiary form of registration.* By converting a definitive bond of Series EE or Series I registered in an owner with beneficiary form of registration to a book-entry bond in New Treasury Direct, the owner has consented to the bond being governed by the rules regarding registration contained in subpart C of this part.

(c) *Savings bond of Series E registered in the owner with beneficiary form of registration.* The registration of a converted savings bond of Series E registered in the owner with beneficiary form of registration may be changed upon the request of the owner and the consent of the beneficiary. The transaction will not be conducted through the registered owner's New Treasury Direct account.

(d) *Savings bond of any series registered in the coowner form of registration.* The registration of a converted savings bond of any eligible series registered in the coowner form of registration may be changed upon the request of one coowner and the consent of the other coowner. The transaction will not be conducted through the registered owner's New Treasury Direct account.

§ 363.169 What transactions can I conduct in a converted savings bond on which I am registered as the single owner, either coowner, or the owner with a beneficiary?

(a) *Savings bond of any series registered in the single owner form of registration.* By converting a definitive savings bond to a book-entry bond, you have consented to the bond being treated as if it were originally issued as a book-entry bond in New Treasury Direct. The bond