

appropriate. To the extent permitted by law, the collection action may include deducting the amount owed from future credit entries made to the deposit account to which the erroneous or duplicate credit entry was made.

(c) *Authorization of Debit to collect unreturned duplicate or erroneous credit entry.* If a financial institution has not responded within 60 calendar days of the notice, its acceptance of the credit entry will be considered an authorization for a debit in the amount of the entry. The debit will be made from the account maintained or utilized by the financial institution at the Federal Reserve Bank to which the entry was made. An institution designated by a financial institution to receive payment on its behalf, in permitting the usage, is deemed to have authorized a debit. The debit will be made from its account maintained at the Federal Reserve Bank to which the entry was made. The institution to which the credit entry has been directed is deemed to have agreed to provide information and assistance to recover any erroneous or duplicate entry. You are also deemed to have agreed to provide information and assistance, and to take any action provided by law to recover an erroneous or duplicate credit entry.

§ 370.13 Can time limits for taking an action on a credit entry be extended?

If we or your financial institution are delayed beyond applicable time limits in taking any action with respect to a credit entry because of circumstances beyond our control, then the time for taking that action will be extended as necessary until the cause of the delay ends.

§ 370.14 Can substitute payment procedures be used?

We may use substitute payment procedures, instead of ACH, if we consider it to be necessary. Any such action is final.

§ 370.15 What limitations exist on liability?

(a) We may rely on the information provided by you or anyone else authorized to provide information concerning

your financial institution or deposit account to which payments are to be made. We do not need to verify this information. We are not liable for any action we may take in reliance on the information furnished.

(b) Our liability does not extend beyond the amount of the payment due.

(c) When you name a financial institution to receive payments on your behalf, you are appointing that institution as your agent for the receipt of payments. When a credit entry is made to your financial institution for deposit to your account following your instructions, we no longer have any further responsibility for that payment. Where your financial institution has arranged with the Federal Reserve Bank to have payments made through another financial institution, the crediting of your payment to that institution relieves us of any further responsibility for that payment.

Subpart C—Debit Entries

§ 370.20 What requirements apply if I want to authorize a debit entry to my deposit account?

(a) *General.* You may pay for a security and related fees by authorizing us to initiate one or more debit entries to your deposit account. For a purchase of a book-entry security to be held in an investor account maintained by us, you must be named on the investor account. The authorization must be accomplished only through forms or means approved by us.

(b) *Single-entry and recurring debit entries.* You only may authorize single-entry debits for purchases of book-entry securities held in *TreasuryDirect*. You only may authorize recurring debit entries for purchases of definitive savings bonds.

(c) *Credit entries to be made to same deposit account.* To the extent that payments by us with respect to a security are to be made through credit entries, you must receive debit and credit entries in the same deposit account.

(d) *Signature.* The authorization must have your signature and that of any other person whose signature is required to withdraw funds from the deposit account. We need not verify your