

exact form of registration of your account, your mailing address, your *TreasuryDirect* account number, your social security account number or employer identification number, and your deposit account instructions.

Message digest function means an algorithm that transforms an electronic message into a seemingly unintelligible, generally smaller, result called the message digest. A message digest function has these qualities:

- (1) The same electronic message yields the same message digest every time the algorithm is executed;
- (2) It is computationally infeasible that an electronic message can be derived from the message digest result produced by the algorithm; and
- (3) it is computationally infeasible that two electronic messages can be found that produce the same message digest using the algorithm.

Payment means, for the purpose of this part, funds paid by us to you.

Person means any natural person or organization.

Public-key encryption means a cryptographic process which generates and employs a key pair, consisting of a public key and a different but mathematically related private key. One use of the public key is to verify a digital signature created by the private key.

Security means an obligation offered by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Settlement date means the date an exchange of funds with respect to an ACH entry is reflected on the books of the Federal Reserve Bank(s).

Signature means any symbol or method executed or adopted by a person with present intention to be bound.

We (or "us") refers to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary's delegates at the Treasury Department and Bureau of the Public Debt. The term also extends to any fiscal or financial agent acting on behalf of the United States when designated to act by the Secretary or the Secretary's delegates. The term does not extend to United States Savings Bond issuing and paying agents.

You means a deposit account owner, in subparts B and C, unless stated otherwise. The word "you" means a person who electronically submits transaction requests through us, in subpart D.

Subpart B—Credit ACH Entries

§ 370.5 How can I appoint a financial institution to receive payments on my behalf?

You must name a financial institution to receive payments through credit entries using the ACH method. You also must identify the deposit account to which payments are to be made. To do this, you must use a form approved by us.

§ 370.6 What requirements apply to a financial institution that handles a credit entry?

A financial institution that accepts and handles a credit entry initiated by us agrees to the provisions of this subpart, and warrants that it will comply with all requirements imposed upon Receiving Depository Financial Institutions under the Operating Rules of the National Automated Clearing House Association, as modified by these regulations and other law.

§ 370.7 How can my financial institution change my designated deposit account?

If your financial institution requests us to make a change in your deposit account number or type of your account, we will change the information without requiring any confirmation from you. The request from the financial institution must be made following the Operating Rules of the National Automated Clearing House Association. The financial institution's request will be deemed an agreement by the institution to indemnify us and you for any loss resulting from the requested change.

§ 370.8 Are there any requirements related to a prenotification entry?

(a) *Use of prenotification in our discretion.* In our discretion, we may initiate a prenotification entry to a financial institution before we send a credit entry. We may also send a prenotification message whenever there is a change in the payment instructions. If we send a prenotification message, we will follow the time frames as established by the Operating Rules of the National Automated Clearing House Association. A