

(4) *I.R.C. limit on contributions to qualified plans.* Section 415(c) of the I.R.C. (26 U.S.C. 415(c)) also places a limit on the amount an employee may save on a tax-deferred basis through the TSP. Regular employee contributions and employer contributions made to the TSP will be restricted to the I.R.C. section 415(c) limit. No regular employee contributions may be made to the TSP for any year to the extent that the sum of the regular employee contributions and the employer contributions for the year will exceed the section 415(c) limit.

(b) *Catch-up contributions.* (1) A participant may make tax-deferred catch-up contributions from basic pay at any time during the calendar year if he or she:

(i) Is at least age 50 by the end of the calendar year; and

(ii) Is making regular TSP contributions at either the maximum TSP contribution percentage or a dollar amount that will result in reaching the Internal Revenue Code elective deferral limit by the end of the year.

(2) Elections to make catch-up contributions shall be separate from the participant's regular contribution election.

(3) A participant who has both a civilian and a uniformed services account can make catch-up contributions to both accounts, as long as he or she does not exceed the limit for the year.

(4) Catch-up contributions are not eligible for matching contributions.

■ 8. Section 1600.32 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(3) to read as follows:

**§ 1600.32 Methods for transferring eligible rollover distribution to TSP.**

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(b) \* \* \*

(3) The participant must submit the completed Form TSP-60 or TSP-U-60, together with a certified check, cashier's check, cashier's draft, money order, treasurer's check from a credit union, or personal check, made out to the "Thrift Savings Plan," for the entire amount of the rollover. A participant may roll over the full amount of the distribution by making up, from his or her own funds, the amount that was withheld from the distribution for the payment of Federal taxes.

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**PART 1601—PARTICIPANTS' CHOICES OF INVESTMENT FUNDS**

■ 9. The authority citation for part 1601 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 8351, 8438, 8474(b)(5) and (c)(1).

**Subpart A—General**

■ 10. Section 1601.1 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 1601.1 Definitions.**

(a) Definitions generally applicable to the Thrift Savings Plan are set forth at 5 CFR 1690.1.

(b) As used in this part:

*Acknowledgment of risk* means an acknowledgment that any investment in the F Fund, C Fund, S Fund, or I Fund is made at the participant's risk, that the participant is not protected by the United States Government or the Board against any loss on the investment, and that neither the United States Government nor the Board guarantees any return on the investment.

■ 11. Subparts B and C are revised to read as follows:

**Subpart B—Investing Future Deposits**

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1601.11 Applicability

1601.12 Investing future deposits in the TSP investment funds.

1601.13 Elections.

**Subpart C—Redistributing Participants' Existing Account Balances (Interfund Transfers)**

1601.21 Applicability.

1601.22 Methods of requesting an interfund transfer.

**Subpart B—Investing Future Deposits**

**§ 1601.11 Applicability.**

This subpart applies only to the investment of future deposits to the TSP's investment funds, including contributions, loan payments, and transfers or rollovers from traditional IRAs and eligible employer plans; it does not apply to redistributing participants' existing account balances among the investment funds, which is covered in subpart C of this part.

**§ 1601.12 Investing future deposits in the TSP investment funds.**

(a) *Allocation.* Future deposits in the TSP, including contributions, loan payments, and transfers or rollovers from traditional IRAs and eligible employer plans, will be allocated among the investment funds based on the most recent contribution allocation on file for the participant.

(b) *Investment fund availability.* All participants may elect to invest all or any portion of their deposits in any of the TSP's five investment funds.

**§ 1601.13 Elections.**

(a) *Contribution allocation.* Each participant may indicate his or her

choice of investment funds for the allocation of future deposits by using the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine, or by completing Form TSP-50 (for civilians) or Form TSP-U-50 (for uniformed services), Investment Allocation. The following rules apply to contribution allocations:

(1) Contribution allocations must be made in one percent increments. The sum of the percentages elected for all of the investment funds must equal 100 percent;

(2) The percentage elected by a participant for investment of future deposits in an investment fund will be applied to all sources of contributions and transfers (or rollovers) from traditional IRAs and eligible employer plans. A participant may not make different percentage elections for different sources of contributions;

(3) A participant who elects for the first time to invest in the F Fund, C Fund, S Fund, or I Fund must execute an acknowledgment of risk in accordance with § 1601.33. In addition, a participant who, before June 2003, has only acknowledged the risk of investing in the F Fund or C Fund must execute an acknowledgment of risk in accordance with § 1601.33 before making any new election to invest in the F Fund, C Fund, S Fund, or I Fund;

(4) All deposits made on behalf of a participant who does not have a contribution allocation in effect will be invested in the G Fund; and

(5) Once a contribution allocation becomes effective, it remains in effect until it is superseded by a subsequent contribution allocation. If a separated participant is rehired and had not withdrawn his or her entire TSP account, the participant's last contribution allocation before separation from service will be effective until a new allocation is made.

(b) *Effect of rejection of contribution allocation.* If a contribution allocation on a Form TSP-50 or Form TSP-U-50 is found to be ineffective pursuant to § 1601.34, the attempted allocation will have no effect. The TSP will provide the participant with a written statement of the reason the transaction was rejected.

(c) *Contribution elections.* A participant may designate the amount of employee contributions he or she wishes to make to the TSP or may stop contributions only in accordance with 5 CFR part 1600.