

APPENDIX C

DEFINITIONS

1. Adjustments to Expired or Closed Accounts. Increases or decreases to commitments, obligations, or expenditures. Adjustments include recording commitments, obligations, or expenditures that were made or incurred during the period prior to expiration or cancellation of the account but not recorded.
2. Closed/Canceled Accounts. Accounts with balances that have been canceled under Title 31, United States Code, sections 1552, 1555, or 1557. Once balances are canceled, the amounts are not available for obligation or expenditure for any purpose.
3. Expired Accounts. Appropriation or fund accounts in which the balances no longer are available for incurring new obligations because the time available for incurring such obligations has expired. There are various types of expired accounts:
 - a. Expired Accounts Established Under P.L. 101-510. Expired accounts that (1) contain unliquidated obligated and unobligated balances, (2) maintain their fiscal year identity for five years, and (3) are available for recording, adjusting, and liquidating obligations properly chargeable to that account. These accounts began with balances that expired on September 30, 1991.
 - b. Expired Accounts (established before November 5, 1990) that were not Transferred to the "M" Accounts or Canceled. Accounts that (1) contain obligated balances that expired on September 30, 1989, and September 30, 1990; (2) contain unobligated balances that were restored from surplus funds; and (3) maintain their fiscal year identity until their balances are canceled on September 30, 1994, and September 30, 1995, respectively.
 - c. "M" Accounts (Established before November 5, 1990). Expired accounts that (1) contain unliquidated obligated balances and (2) have been merged with unliquidated obligated balances from prior years. "M" accounts generally are established by appropriation title (e.g., Operation and Maintenance, Procurement, Research and Development) for the same general purpose. No new "M" accounts will be established; all such accounts were canceled on September 30, 1993.
 - d. Merged Surplus Authority (Established before November 5, 1990). Expired accounts with (1) balances that were available for upward adjustments to prior obligations that were previously incurred and (2) were canceled on December 5, 1990. These were obligated balances withdrawn by the Treasury Department for accounts which have been expired for more than two years.

4. Fixed Accounts. Appropriation or fund accounts with balances that are available for a definite period of time. The fixed accounts are comprised of annual and multi-year accounts. The universe of appropriation or fund accounts is made up of fixed accounts and no-year accounts.

5. Section 1004 Obligations. For purposes of implementing the provisions of section 1004 of P. L. 102-484, the term “obligation” means any binding agreement properly chargeable to a fiscal year that is expected to result in an outlay. An obligation includes, but is not limited to, an upward obligation adjustment or a reobligation.

6. Unexpired Accounts. Appropriation or fund accounts in which the balances are available for incurring obligations because the time available for incurring such obligations has not yet expired. Audit requirements, limitations on obligations, and reporting requirements applicable to unexpired accounts shall continue to apply after the end of the period of availability for obligation or expenditure of that account.

7. Unrecorded Obligations. Obligations that were incurred legitimately during the period of fund availability, but were not recorded in the Component’s records prior to expiration of the appropriation or fund. For purposes of this guidance, “unrecorded” obligations are included in obligation adjustments. Current accounts may be used to pay previously unrecorded obligations chargeable to a closed account.

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