

INSTRUCTIONS

USE OF FORM – Do not use this form for United States Savings Bonds, Retirement Plan Bonds, or Individual Retirement Bonds.

Individuals may use this form to apply for relief on account of loss, theft, or destruction of United States bearer securities or bearer securities of other agencies or corporations for which the Treasury Department acts as transfer agent. A bond of indemnity will ordinarily be required, but only on a form that will be provided, when necessary. The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to require additional evidence in any particular case.

COMPLETION OF FORM – Print clearly in ink or type all information requested. If more space is needed for any item, use a plain sheet of paper and attach it to this form.

- ITEM 1.** Describe the securities. Provide as much information as possible. List coupons that were attached to the securities, either by number or date.
- ITEM 2.** Tell us if you are the owner of the securities, by marking the appropriate box. If you are not the owner, tell us the capacity in which you are acting. If you have been appointed legal representative, see Item 5 for further information and/or evidence required to support your application.
- ITEM 3.** Tell the exact date that you acquired the securities and show the name and complete address of the person from whom you acquired them.
- ITEM 4.** Check each box that applies. Provide complete details regarding the loss, theft, or destruction of the securities. If another person had possession of the securities, access to the securities, or knowledge of the circumstances of the loss, that person must provide a separate statement on FS Form 2243, Supplemental Statement for United States Securities, explaining the circumstances.
- ITEM 5.** If you were appointed as legal representative because:
- the owner is deceased (with no surviving coowner or beneficiary named on the securities), or
 - the owner or coowner is a minor, or
 - the owner or coowner is incapacitated,

complete the form and submit a court certificate or certified copy of your letters of appointment, under court seal, showing the appointment is still in full force. If no legal representative has been appointed for a deceased or incompetent owner, advise the Bureau of the Fiscal Service and additional instructions will be provided.

- ITEM 6.** Provide your taxpayer identification number and certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, if appropriate. If you are subject to backup withholding, you must strike through Item 2 of this section.

SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION

- **SIGNATURE** – Sign the form in ink in the presence of the certifying officer, print your name, and provide your address, daytime telephone number, and e-mail address, if applicable.
- **CERTIFICATION** – You must appear before and establish identification to the satisfaction of an authorized certifying officer and sign the form in the officer's presence. The certifying officer must complete the certification form and affix the seal or stamp which is used when certifying requests for payment. Brokers must use a Medallion Stamp. Authorized certifying officers are available at financial institutions, including credit unions, in the United States. For a complete list of such officers, see Department of the Treasury Circular No. 300, 31 CFR 306.

WHERE TO SEND – Send the completed form, and any additional information or evidence, to the Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, PO Box 426, Parkersburg, WV 26106-0426.

NOTICE UNDER THE PRIVACY AND PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACTS

The collection of the information you are requested to provide on this form is authorized by 31 U.S.C. CH. 31 relating to the public debt of the United States. The furnishing of a Social Security Number, if requested, is also required by Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 6109).

The purpose of requesting the information is to enable the Bureau of the Fiscal Service and its agents to issue securities, process transactions, make payments, identify owners and their accounts, and provide reports to the Internal Revenue Service. Furnishing the information is voluntary; however, without the information, the Fiscal Service may be unable to process transactions.

Information concerning securities holdings and transactions is considered confidential under Treasury regulations (31 CFR, Part 323) and the Privacy Act. This information may be disclosed to a law enforcement agency for investigation purposes; courts and counsel for litigation purposes; others entitled to distribution or payment; agents and contractors to administer the public debt; agencies or entities for debt collection or to obtain current addresses for payment; agencies through approved computer matches; Congressional offices in response to an inquiry by the individual to whom the record pertains; as otherwise authorized by law or regulation.

We estimate it will take you about 55 minutes to complete this form. However, you are not required to provide information requested unless a valid OMB control number is displayed on the form. Any comments or suggestions regarding this form should be sent to the Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Forms Management Officer, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328. **DO NOT SEND completed form to the above address; send to the correct address shown in "WHERE TO SEND" above.**