

(5) all surcharges received by the Secretary of the Treasury from the sale of coins minted under the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Coin Act.

(b) Investments

(1) Duty of Secretary to invest

The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest in full any amount appropriated or contributed to the fund.

(2) Authorized investments

Investments pursuant to paragraph (1) may be made only in interest-bearing obligations of the United States or in obligations guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the United States. For such purpose, such obligations may be acquired—

- (A) on original issue at the issue price; or
- (B) by purchase of outstanding obligations at the market price.

(3) Special obligations

The purposes for which obligations of the United States may be issued under chapter 31 of title 31 are hereby extended to authorize the issuance at par of special obligations exclusively to the fund. Such special obligations shall bear interest at a rate equal to the average rate of interest, computed as to the end of the calendar month preceding the date of such issue, borne by all marketable interest-bearing obligations of the United States then forming a part of the public debt; except that, if such average rate is not a multiple of $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1 percent, the rate of interest of such special obligations shall be the multiple of $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1 percent next lower than such average rate. Such special obligations shall be issued only if the Secretary determines that the purchase of other obligations of the United States, or of obligations guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the United States or original issue at the market price, is not in the public interest.

(c) Sale of obligations

Any obligations acquired by the fund (except special obligations issued exclusively to the fund in accordance with subsection (b)(3) of this section) may be sold by the Secretary at the market price, and such special obligations may be redeemed at par plus accrued interest.

(d) Interest

The interest on, and the proceeds from, the sale or redemption of any obligations held in the fund shall be credited to and form a part of the fund.

(e) Availability of fund

(1) Stipends

The fund shall be available to the Foundation for payment of stipends awarded under section 5704 of this title.

(2) Expenses

The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to pay to the Foundation from the interest and earnings of the funds such sums as the Board determines are necessary and appropriate to enable the Foundation to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(f) Disbursements

Disbursements from the fund shall be made on vouchers approved by the Foundation and signed by the Chairman.

(Pub. L. 102-281, title IV, § 426, May 13, 1992, 106 Stat. 143; Pub. L. 111-8, div. D, title VI, § 623(1), Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 678.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Coin Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(5), is subtitle A (§§ 401-411) of title IV of Pub. L. 102-281, May 13, 1992, 106 Stat. 139, which is classified as a note under section 5112 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

AMENDMENTS

2009—Subsec. (a)(4), (5). Pub. L. 111-8 added par. (4) and redesignated former par. (4) as (5).

§ 5706. Audits

The activities of the Foundation under this chapter may be audited by the Comptroller General of the United States. The Comptroller General shall have access to all books, accounts, records, reports, and files and all other papers, things, or property belonging to or in use by the Foundation, pertaining to such activities and necessary to facilitate the audit.

(Pub. L. 102-281, title IV, § 427, May 13, 1992, 106 Stat. 144.)

§ 5707. Executive Secretary of Foundation

(a) Duties

There shall be an Executive Secretary of the Foundation who shall be appointed by the Board. The Executive Secretary shall be the chief executive officer of the Foundation and shall carry out the functions of the Foundation subject to the supervision and direction of the Board.

(b) Compensation

The Executive Secretary of the Foundation shall be compensated at an annual rate of basic pay not in excess of the amount payable for Executive Level V.

(Pub. L. 102-281, title IV, § 428, May 13, 1992, 106 Stat. 144.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Executive Level V, referred to in subsec. (b), probably means level V of the Executive Schedule, which is set out in section 5316 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 5708. Administrative provisions

(a) The Foundation may—

(1) appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, except that in no case shall employees (other than the Executive Secretary) be compensated at a rate in excess of the rate of basic pay payable for GS-15 of the General Schedule;

(2) procure temporary and intermittent services of such experts and consultants as are necessary to the extent authorized by section 3109 of title 5, but at rates not in excess of the rate of basic pay payable for Executive Level V;