

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK  
OF NEW YORK**

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**REVISION OF REGULATION D  
Reserves of Member Banks**

*To All Member Banks  
of the Second Federal Reserve District :*

Enclosed is a copy of Regulation D of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, entitled "Reserves of Member Banks," as in effect December 31, 1959, and a copy of the Supplement to Regulation D, effective as to country member banks on December 1, 1959, and as to reserve city and central reserve city member banks on December 3, 1959. The revised regulation and supplement reflect the amendments permitting member banks to count part of vault cash for reserve purposes and also reflect certain technical amendments, as indicated in our Circulars No. 4817, dated November 30, 1959, and No. 4820, dated December 3, 1959.

Additional copies of the enclosures will be furnished upon request.

**ALFRED HAYES,**  
*President.*

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
of the  
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**

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**RESERVES OF MEMBER BANKS**



**REGULATION D  
(12 CFR 204)**

**As in Effect December 31, 1959**



## **INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS REGULATION**

**Any inquiry relating to this regulation should be addressed to the Federal Reserve bank or Federal Reserve branch bank of the district in which the inquiry arises.**

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### **STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

This regulation is issued under authority of provisions of section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act (38 Stat. 270; 12 U.S.C. 461) which, together with related provisions of law, are published in the Appendix hereto.

## SUPPLEMENT TO REGULATION D

### Section 204.5—Supplement

ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Effective as to member banks not in reserve and central reserve cities at opening of business on December 1, 1959, and as to member banks in reserve and central reserve cities at opening of business on December 3, 1959.

(a) **Reserve percentages.**—Pursuant to the provisions of section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act and § 204.2 (a), but subject to paragraph (b) of this section, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System hereby prescribes the following reserve balances which each member bank of the Federal Reserve System is required to maintain on deposit with the Federal Reserve Bank of its district:

(1) If not in a reserve or central reserve city—

(i) 5 per cent of its time deposits, plus

(ii) 11 per cent of its net demand deposits.

(2) If in a reserve city (except as to any bank located in such a city which is permitted by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, pursuant to § 204.2 (a) (2), to maintain the reserves specified in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph)—

(i) 5 per cent of its time deposits, plus

(ii) 16½ per cent of its net demand deposits.

(3) If in a central reserve city (except as to any bank located in such a city which is permitted by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, pursuant to § 204.2 (a) (2), to maintain the reserves specified in subparagraph (1) or (2) of this paragraph)—

(i) 5 per cent of its time deposits, plus

(ii) 18 per cent of its net demand deposits.

(b) **Counting of currency and coin.**—In partial compliance with the reserve requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, the amount of a member bank's currency and coin shall be counted to the extent that it exceeds 2 per cent of the bank's net demand deposits in the case of a bank subject to the requirements for banks located in central reserve and reserve cities, and to the extent that it exceeds 4 per cent of the bank's net demand deposits in the case of a bank subject to the reserve requirements for banks not located in central reserve and reserve cities.

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(12 CFR 204)

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### RESERVES OF MEMBER BANKS

#### SECTION 204.1—DEFINITIONS

(a) **Demand deposits.**—The term “demand deposits” includes all deposits except “time deposits” as defined below.

(b) **Time deposits.**—The term “time deposits” means “time certificates of deposit,” “time deposits, open account” and “savings deposits,” as defined below.

(c) **Time certificates of deposit.**—The term “time certificate of deposit” means a deposit evidenced by a negotiable or nonnegotiable instrument which provides on its face that the amount of such deposit is payable to bearer or to any specified person or to his order—

(1) On a certain date, specified in the instrument, not less than 30 days after the date of deposit, or

(2) At the expiration of a certain specified time not less than 30 days after the date of the instrument, or

(3) Upon notice in writing which is actually required to be given not less than 30 days before the date of repayment,<sup>1</sup> and

(4) In all cases only upon presentation and surrender of the instrument.

(d) **Time deposits, open account.**—The term “time deposit, open account” means a deposit, other than a “time certificate of deposit” or a “savings deposit,” with respect to which there is in force a written contract with the depositor that neither the whole nor any part of such deposit may be withdrawn, by check or otherwise, prior to the date of maturity which shall be not less than 30 days after the date of the deposit,<sup>2</sup> or prior to the expiration of the period of notice

<sup>1</sup> A deposit with respect to which the bank merely reserves the right to require notice of not less than 30 days before any withdrawal is made is not a “time certificate of deposit” within the meaning of the definition in § 204.1 (c).

<sup>2</sup> Deposits such as Christmas club accounts and vacation club accounts, which are made under written contracts providing that no withdrawal shall be made until a certain number of periodic deposits have been made during a period of not less than three months constitute “time deposits, open account” even though some of the deposits are made within 30 days from the end of such period.

which must be given by the depositor in writing not less than 30 days in advance of withdrawal.<sup>3</sup>

(e) **Savings deposits.**—The term “savings deposit” means a deposit, evidenced by a pass book, consisting of funds (1) deposited to the credit of one or more individuals, or of a corporation, association or other organization operated primarily for religious, philanthropic, charitable, educational, fraternal or other similar purposes and not operated for profit,<sup>4</sup> or (2) in which the entire beneficial interest is held by one or more individuals or by such a corporation, association or other organization, and in respect to which deposit—

(i) The depositor is required, or may at any time be required, by the bank to give notice in writing of an intended withdrawal not less than 30 days before such withdrawal is made;

(ii) Withdrawals are permitted in only two ways, either (a) upon presentation of the pass book, through payment to the person presenting the pass book, or (b) without presentation of the pass book, through payment to the depositor himself but not to any other person whether or not acting for the depositor.<sup>5</sup>

The presentation by any officer, agent or employee of the bank of a pass book or a duplicate thereof retained by the bank or by any of its officers, agents or employees is not a presentation of the pass book within the meaning of this part except where the pass book is held by the bank as a part of an estate of which the bank is a trustee or other fiduciary, or where the pass book is held by the bank as security for a loan. If a pass book is retained by the bank, it may not be delivered to any person other than the depositor for the purpose of enabling such person to present the pass book in order to make a withdrawal, although the bank may deliver the pass book to a duly authorized agent of the depositor for transmittal to the depositor.

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<sup>3</sup> A deposit with respect to which the bank merely reserves the right to require notice of not less than 30 days before any withdrawal is made is not a “time deposit, open account,” within the meaning of the definition in § 204.1 (d).

<sup>4</sup> Deposits in joint accounts of two or more individuals may be classified as savings deposits if they meet the other requirements of the above definition, but deposits of a partnership operated for profit may not be so classified. Deposits to the credit of an individual of funds in which any beneficial interest is held by a corporation, partnership, association or other organization operated for profit or not operated primarily for religious, philanthropic, charitable, educational, fraternal or other similar purposes may not be classified as savings deposits.

<sup>5</sup> Presentation of a pass book may be made over the counter or through the mails; and payment may be made over the counter, through the mails or otherwise, subject to the limitations of § 204.1 (e) (2) (ii) as to the person to whom such payment may be made.

Every withdrawal made upon presentation of a pass book shall be entered in the pass book at the time of the withdrawal, and every other withdrawal shall be entered in the pass book as soon as practicable after the withdrawal is made.

The term "savings deposit" also means a deposit evidenced by a written receipt or agreement although not by a pass book, consisting of funds of the kind described above in this paragraph and in respect to which deposit the depositor is required, or may at any time be required, by the bank to give notice in writing of an intended withdrawal not less than 30 days before such withdrawal is made, and withdrawals are permitted only through payment to the depositor himself but not to any other person whether or not acting for the depositor.<sup>6</sup>

(f) **Gross demand deposits.**—The term "gross demand deposits" means the sum of all demand deposits, including demand deposits made by other banks, the United States, States, counties, school districts and other governmental subdivisions and municipalities, and all outstanding certified and officers' checks (including checks issued by the bank in payment of dividends), and letters of credit and travelers' checks sold for cash.

(g) **Cash items in process of collection.**—The term "cash items in process of collection" means:

(1) Checks in process of collection, drawn on a bank, private bank, or any other banking institution, which are payable immediately upon presentation in the United States, including checks with a Federal Reserve bank in process of collection and checks on hand which will be presented for payment or forwarded for collection on the following business day;

(2) Government checks and warrants drawn on the Treasurer of the United States which are in process of collection;

(3) Such other items in process of collection, payable immediately upon presentation in the United States, as are customarily cleared or collected by banks as cash items.

Items handled as noncash collections may not be treated as "cash items in process of collection" within the meaning of this part.

(h) **Net demand deposits.**—The term "net demand deposits" means gross demand deposits as defined in paragraph (f) of this section less the deductions allowed under the provisions of §204.2(b).

<sup>6</sup> Payment may be made to the depositor over the counter, through the mails or otherwise.

(i) **Currency and coin.**—The term “currency and coin” means United States currency and coin owned and held by a member bank, including currency and coin in transit to or from a Federal Reserve bank. “Countable” currency and coin means that part of a member bank’s currency and coin which is permitted to be counted as partial compliance with its reserve requirements.

#### SECTION 204.2—COMPUTATION OF RESERVES

(a) **Amounts of reserves to be maintained.**—(1) Every member bank shall maintain on deposit with the Federal Reserve bank of its district an actual net balance equal to 3 per cent of its time deposits, plus 7 per cent of its net demand deposits if it is not located in a reserve or central reserve city or 10 per cent of its net demand deposits if it is located in a reserve or central reserve city, or such different percentages of its time deposits and net demand deposits as the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, pursuant to and within the limitations contained in section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act,<sup>7</sup> may prescribe from time to time in the Supplement to this part; *provided*, that a member bank’s currency and coin shall be counted in partial compliance with such requirements to such extent as the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, pursuant to section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act, may permit from time to time in the Supplement to this part.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, a member bank located in a reserve city may hold and maintain the reserve balances which are in effect for member banks not located in reserve or central reserve cities, and a member bank located in a central reserve city may hold and maintain the reserve balances which are in effect for member banks located in reserve cities or for member banks not located in reserve or central reserve cities, if permission for the holding and maintaining of such lower reserve balances is granted by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on such basis as the Board may deem reasonable and appropriate in view of the character of business transacted by the member bank.

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<sup>7</sup> Any such different percentages prescribed by the Board may not be less than 3 per cent of time deposits, 7 per cent of net demand deposits of banks not located in reserve or central reserve cities, or 10 per cent of net demand deposits of banks located in reserve or central reserve cities, nor more than 6 per cent of time deposits, 14 per cent of net demand deposits of banks not located in reserve or central reserve cities, or 22 per cent of net demand deposits of banks located in reserve or central reserve cities.

(3) For the purposes of this part, a member bank shall be considered to be in a central reserve city if the head office or any branch of such bank is located in a central reserve city, and a member bank shall be considered to be in a reserve city if the head office or any branch thereof is located in a reserve city and neither the head office nor any branch thereof is located in a central reserve city.

(b) **Deductions allowed in computing reserves.**—In determining the reserve balances required under the terms of this part, member banks may deduct from the amount of their gross demand deposits the amounts of balances subject to immediate withdrawal due from other banks and cash items in process of collection as defined in § 204.1 (g). Balances “due from other banks” do not include balances due from Federal Reserve banks, balances (payable in dollars or otherwise) due from foreign banks or branches thereof wherever located, or balances due from foreign branches of domestic banks. The word “banks” in the term “due from other banks” refers to incorporated banks and does not include private banks or bankers.<sup>8</sup>

(c) **Availability of cash items as reserve.**—Cash items forwarded to a Federal Reserve bank for collection and credit cannot be counted as part of the minimum reserve balance to be carried by a member bank with its Federal Reserve bank until the expiration of such time as may be specified in the appropriate time schedule referred to in part 210 of this chapter. If a member bank draw against items before such time, the draft will be charged against its reserve balance if such balance be sufficient in amount to pay it; but any resulting impairment of reserve balances will be subject to the penalties provided by law and by this part: *Provided, however,* That the Federal Reserve bank may, in its discretion, refuse at any time to permit the withdrawal or other use of credit given in its reserve account for any item for which the Federal Reserve bank has not received payment in actually and finally collected funds.

(d) **Reserves against trust funds.**—A member bank exercising trust powers need not maintain reserves against trust funds which it keeps properly segregated as trust funds and apart from its general assets or which it deposits in another institution to the credit of itself as trustee or other fiduciary. If, however, such funds are

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<sup>8</sup> A member bank exercising fiduciary powers may not include in balances “due from other banks” amounts of trust funds deposited with other banks and due to it as trustee or other fiduciary. If trust funds are deposited by the trust department of a member bank in its commercial or savings department and are then redeposited in another bank subject to immediate withdrawal they may be included by the member bank in balances “due from other banks,” subject to the provisions of § 204.2 (b).

mingled with the general assets of the bank, as permitted to national banks under authority of section 11(k) of the Federal Reserve Act (40 Stat. 967, as amended; 12 U.S.C. 248 (k) and Sup.), a deposit liability thereby arises against which reserves must be maintained.

(e) **Continuance of "time deposit" status.**—A deposit which at the time of deposit was a "deposit evidenced by a time certificate of deposit," "time deposit, open account," or "savings deposit" continues to be a "time deposit" until maturity or the expiration of the period of notice of withdrawal, although it has become payable within 30 days. After the date of maturity of any time deposit, such deposit is a demand deposit. After the expiration of the period of notice given with respect to the repayment of any savings deposit or other time deposit, such deposit is a demand deposit, except that, if the owner of such deposit advise the bank in writing that the deposit will not be withdrawn pursuant to such notice or that the deposit will thereafter again be subject to the contract or requirements applicable to such deposit, the deposit will again constitute a savings deposit or other time deposit, as the case may be, after the date upon which such advice is received by the bank.

#### SECTION 204.3—DEFICIENCIES IN RESERVES

##### (a) **Computation of deficiencies.**

(1) Deficiencies in reserve balances of member banks in central reserve cities and in reserve cities shall be computed on the basis of average daily net deposit balances and average daily countable currency and coin covering weekly periods.<sup>9</sup> Deficiencies in reserve balances of other member banks shall be computed on the basis of average daily net deposit balances and average daily countable currency and coin covering biweekly periods.

(2) In computing such deficiencies the required reserve balance of each member bank at the close of business each day shall be based upon its net deposit balances and countable currency and coin at the opening of business on the same day; and the weekly and biweekly periods referred to in paragraph (1) hereof shall end at the close of business on days to be fixed by the Federal Reserve banks with the approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. When, however, the

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<sup>9</sup> However, deficiencies in reserve balances of member banks in central reserve and reserve cities which have been authorized by the Board of Governors, under the provisions of § 204.2 (a) (2), to hold and maintain the reserve balances in effect for member banks not in central reserve and reserve cities will be computed on the basis provided for such latter member banks in this § 204.3 (a) (1).

reserve computation period ends with a nonbusiness day, or two or more consecutive nonbusiness days, of the member bank or its Federal Reserve bank, such nonbusiness day or days may, at the option of the member bank, be included in the next reserve computation period.

**(b) Penalties.**

(1) Penalties for such deficiencies will be assessed monthly on the basis of average daily deficiencies during each of the reserve computation periods ending in the preceding calendar month.

(2) Such penalties will be assessed at a rate of 2 per cent per annum above the Federal Reserve bank rate applicable to discounts of 90 day commercial paper for member banks, in effect on the first day of the calendar month in which the deficiencies occurred.

**(c) Notice to directors of banks deficient in reserves.**—Whenever it shall appear that a member bank is not paying due regard to the maintenance of its reserves, the Federal Reserve bank shall address a letter to each director of such bank calling attention to the situation and advising him of the requirements of the law and of this part regarding the maintenance of reserves.

**(d) Continued deficiencies.**—If, after the notice provided for in paragraph (c) of this section has been given, it shall appear that the member bank is continuing its failure to pay due regard to the maintenance of its reserves, the Federal Reserve bank shall report such fact to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System with a recommendation as to whether or not the Board should:

(1) In the case of a national bank, direct the Comptroller of the Currency to bring suit to forfeit the charter of such national bank pursuant to section 2 of the Federal Reserve Act (38 Stat. 252; 12 U.S.C. 501 a); or

(2) In the case of a State member bank, institute proceedings to require such bank to surrender its stock in the Federal Reserve bank and to forfeit all rights and privileges of membership pursuant to section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act (46 Stat. 251; 12 U.S.C. 327); or

(3) In either case, take such other action as the Federal Reserve bank may recommend or the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System may consider advisable.

(SECTION 204.5—SUPPLEMENT, containing reserve percentages and use of vault cash in meeting reserve requirements, is printed separately.)



## APPENDIX

### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

Section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act provides in part as follows:

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is authorized, for the purposes of this section, to define the terms "demand deposits," "gross demand deposits," "deposits payable on demand," "time deposits," "savings deposits," and "trust funds," to determine what shall be deemed to be a payment of interest, and to prescribe such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section and prevent evasions thereof: *Provided*, That, within the meaning of the provisions of this section regarding the reserves required of member banks, the term "time deposits" shall include "savings deposits."

Every bank, banking association, or trust company which is or which becomes a member of any Federal Reserve bank shall establish and maintain reserve balances with its Federal Reserve bank as follows:

(a) If not in a reserve or central reserve city,\* as now or hereafter defined, it shall hold and maintain with the Federal Reserve bank of its district an actual net balance equal to not less than seven per centum of the aggregate amount of its demand deposits and three per centum of its time deposits.

(b) If in a reserve city, as now or hereafter defined, it shall hold and maintain with the Federal Reserve bank of its district an actual net balance equal to not less than ten per centum of the aggregate amount of its demand deposits and three per centum of its time deposits.

(c) If in a central reserve city,\* as now or hereafter defined, it shall hold and maintain with the Federal Reserve bank of its district an actual net balance equal to not less than ten per centum of the aggregate amount of its demand deposits and three per centum of its time deposits.

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section—

(1) the Board of Governors, under such regulations as it may prescribe, may permit member banks to count all or part of their currency and coin as reserves required under this section; and

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\* Effective July 28, 1962, the designation "central reserve city" is terminated.

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(2) a member bank in a reserve city may hold and maintain the reserve balances which are in effect under this section for member banks described in paragraph (a), and a member bank in a central reserve city\* may hold and maintain the reserve balances which are in effect under this section for member banks described in paragraph (a) or (b), if permission for the holding and maintaining of such lower reserve balances is granted by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, either in individual cases or under regulations of the Board, on such basis as the Board may deem reasonable and appropriate in view of the character of business transacted by the member bank.

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, upon the affirmative vote of not less than four of its members, in order to prevent injurious credit expansion or contraction, may by regulation change the requirements as to reserves to be maintained against demand or time deposits or both (1) by member banks in central reserve cities\* or (2) by member banks in reserve cities or (3) by member banks not in reserve or central reserve cities\* or (4) by all member banks; but the amount of the reserves required to be maintained by any such member bank as a result of any such change shall not be less than the amount of the reserves required by law to be maintained by such bank nor more than twice such amount, except that in the case of member banks in reserve cities and central reserve cities\* the maximum amount of reserves which may be required to be maintained against demand deposits shall be 22 per centum.

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The required balance carried by a member bank with a Federal Reserve bank may, under the regulations and subject to such penalties as may be prescribed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, be checked against and withdrawn by such member bank for the purpose of meeting existing liabilities.

In estimating the reserve balances required by this Act, member banks may deduct from the amount of their gross demand deposits the amounts of balances due from other banks (except Federal Reserve banks and foreign banks) and cash items in process of collection payable immediately upon presentation in the United

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States, within the meaning of these terms as defined by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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Notwithstanding the provisions of the First Liberty Bond Act, as amended, the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, and the Third Liberty Bond Act, as amended, member banks shall be required to maintain the same reserves against deposits of public moneys by the United States as they are required by this section to maintain against other deposits: *Provided*, That until six months after the cessation of hostilities in the present war as determined by proclamation of the President or concurrent resolution of the Congress no deposit payable to the United States by any member bank arising solely as the result of subscriptions made by or through such member bank for United States Government securities issued under authority of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, shall be subject to the reserve requirements of this section.

[“Cessation of hostilities” was proclaimed by the President on December 31, 1946; and, accordingly, the proviso in the above paragraph expired six months after that date.]

Section 11 of the Federal Reserve Act provides in part as follows:

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System shall be authorized and empowered: \* \* \* (c) To suspend for a period not exceeding thirty days, and from time to time to renew such suspension for periods not exceeding fifteen days, any reserve requirements specified in this Act: *Provided*, That it shall establish a graduated tax upon the amounts by which the reserve requirements of this Act may be permitted to fall below the level hereinafter specified \* \* \*