

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK  
OF NEW YORK**

[ Circular No. 4179 ]  
[ January 5, 1955 ]

**MARGIN REQUIREMENTS INCREASED**

*To all Banks, Members of National Securities Exchanges, and  
Others Interested, in the Second Federal Reserve District:*

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System issued the following statement:

FOR RELEASE AT 6:30 PM EST,  
Tuesday, January 4, 1955.

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System today amended Regulations T and U, relating respectively to margin requirements of brokers and banks, by increasing margin requirements from 50 per cent to 60 per cent, effective immediately. The increased requirements apply to both purchases and short sales. No other change was made in the regulations.

Enclosed are printed copies of the Supplements to Regulations T and U, effective January 4, 1955, giving effect to the amendments.

Additional copies of this circular and of the enclosed supplements will be furnished upon request.

**ALLAN SPROUL,**  
*President.*

## SUPPLEMENT TO REGULATION T

ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Effective January 4, 1955

**Maximum loan value for general accounts.**—The maximum loan value of a registered security (other than an exempted security) in a general account, subject to section 3 of Regulation T, shall be 40 per cent of its current market value.

**Margin required for short sales in general accounts.**—The amount to be included in the adjusted debit balance of a general account, pursuant to section 3(d) (3) of Regulation T, as margin required for short sales of securities (other than exempted securities) shall be 60 per cent of the current market value of each such security.

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## **SUPPLEMENT TO REGULATION U**

**ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**

**Effective January 4, 1955**

For the purpose of section 1 of Regulation U, the maximum loan value of any stock, whether or not registered on a national securities exchange, shall be 40 per cent of its current market value, as determined by any reasonable method.

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