to exempt a program from any other provision of this subpart.

§ 205.13 Interest calculation.

(a) *State responsibilities*. A State shall calculate Federal interest liabilities and State interest liabilities for each program subject to this subpart, except as provided for in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Reverse flow programs*. A Federal agency shall calculate Federal interest liabilities and State interest liabilities for a program subject to this subpart for which the Federal agency makes payments on behalf of a State, such as Supplemental Security Income.

(c) *Start date*. Interest liabilities begin accruing the later of July 1, 1993, or the first day of a State's 1994 fiscal year.

(d) *Interest rate*. The interest rate for all interest liabilities pursuant to this subpart is the annualized rate equal to the average equivalent yields of 13-week Treasury Bills auctioned during a State's fiscal year, except as provided for in paragraph (i) of this section. The FMS will provide this rate to each State.

(e) *Interest calculation method and standards*. A State shall calculate and report interest liabilities on the basis of its fiscal year. A State shall ensure that its interest calculations are auditable. As set forth in § 205.9, a Treasury-State Agreement must include the method a State will use to calculate and document interest liabilities pursuant to this subpart.

(f) *Statistical sampling*. If a State uses statistical sampling to calculate interest, the State must randomly sample transactions for each program subject to this subpart to ensure, at a minimum, a 95 percent confidence interval subject to a .3 dollar-weighted day bound of error estimate.

(g) *Transactions prior to a State's 1994 fiscal year*. A State shall not include in an interest calculation a transaction in which either the transfer of funds to the State or the pay out of funds for program purposes by the State occurs prior to the later of July 1, 1993, or the first day of the State's 1994 fiscal year.

(h) *Funds withdrawn from a State account in the Unemployment Trust Fund (UTF)*. A State shall account for the actual interest earnings and the related banking costs attributable to funds withdrawn from the State's account in the UTF.

(1) If funds withdrawn from the several accounts in the UTF are commingled in the State's Unemployment Insurance benefit payment account, the funds withdrawn from the State's account must be allocated a pro rata share of the actual interest earnings and related banking costs of the benefit payment account. Funds withdrawn from the State's account in the UTF that are included in investment pools must be allocated a pro rata share of interest earnings of the investment pool.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subpart, a State's interest liability on funds withdrawn from its account in the UTF consists of the actual interest earnings less the related banking costs of such funds, and shall be deposited in the State's account in the UTF.

(3) This paragraph (h) does not apply to funds withdrawn from the Federal Employees Compensation Account and the Extended Unemployment Compensation Account in the UTF.

§ 205.14 Direct costs of implementation.

(a) *Definition*. Direct costs of implementing this subpart are those costs necessary for the development and maintenance of clearance patterns and those costs necessary to perform the actual calculation of interest liabilities. Direct costs do not include expenses incurred for upgrading or modernizing of accounting systems.

(b) *Reimbursement of direct costs*. A State will be compensated annually for the direct costs of implementing this subpart, subject to the following conditions and limitations.

(1) *Treasury-State Agreement*. A State must have a Treasury-State Agreement with the FMS, as set forth in § 205.9.

(2) *Direct cost claim*. A State must submit a claim for direct costs with its Annual Report, as set forth in § 205.15(c).

(3) *Documentation*. A State must maintain documentation to substantiate its claim for direct costs.

(4) *Eligibility of costs.* Direct costs in excess of $50,000 in any year are not eligible for reimbursement, unless a State can justify to the FMS that it would be unable to develop clearance patterns or perform the actual calculation of interest without incurring such costs.

(5) *Costs incurred in prior years.* Direct costs incurred prior to a State's most recently completed fiscal year are not eligible for reimbursement, excepting costs incurred prior to the first day of a State's 1994 fiscal year and claimed for reimbursement with the State's first Annual Report submitted pursuant to this subpart.

(6) *Costs incurred prior to July 22, 1991.* Direct costs incurred prior to July 22, 1991, are not eligible for reimbursement, unless a State makes separate application for such costs, with adequate justification and documentation.

(7) *Review by the FMS.* The FMS will review all direct cost claims for reasonableness. Unreasonable cost claims, as determined by the FMS, will not be reimbursed, notwithstanding any other provision of this section.

(8) *Method of reimbursement.* The FMS will effect direct cost reimbursement by reducing the State interest liability and adjusting the Federal interest liability for each State, to the extent allowed by the following limitations:

(i) Interest liabilities for programs funded out of trust funds for which the Secretary is trustee may not be reduced or adjusted; and

(ii) The aggregate Federal interest liability for all States may not increase.

(c) *Application of cost principles.* A State shall not include direct costs of implementing this subpart, as defined in paragraph (a) of this section, in the development of its Statewide cost allocation plan, as provided for in OMB Circular A–87. All other costs incurred by a State to implement this subpart are subject to the procedures and principles of OMB Circular A–87.

(d) *Sunset review.* By July 1, 1996, the FMS will review the policies in this section to determine their effectiveness.

§ 205.15 Annual reports.

(a) A State shall submit an Annual Report to the FMS by December 31 accounting for the interest liabilities of the State's most recently completed fiscal year. The format of the Annual Report will be prescribed by the FMS and will include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) The Federal interest liability for each program subject to this subpart;

(2) The State interest liability for each program subject to this subpart, with the State interest liability on refunds for each program reported separately;

(3) The total Federal interest liability for all programs subject to this subpart;

(4) The total State interest liability for all programs subject to this subpart;

(5) The net total interest owed by the State or the Federal Government;

(6) For information purposes, not for the calculation of interest, the actual interest earnings on and the related banking costs for funds drawn from the State's account in the UTF.

(b) A State shall submit its Annual Report both in hard copy and either on computer diskette or by other electronic means prescribed by the FMS.

(c) A State may submit as part of its Annual Report a claim for reimbursement of the direct costs of implementing this subpart, in accordance with § 205.14. An authorized State official shall certify the accuracy of a State's direct cost claim.

(d) An authorized State official shall certify the accuracy of a State's Annual Report.

(e) *Reverse flow programs.* With respect to a program for which the Federal Government makes payments on behalf of a State, a Federal agency shall provide an interest report to a State by December 1 for the State's most recently completed fiscal year. The interest report will include the State interest liability and the Federal interest liability for the program, including the Federal interest liability on refund transactions of $10,000 or more. The Federal agency shall certify the accuracy of the interest report. A State shall incorporate the interest report in its Annual Report.

(f) The FMS will distribute Annual Reports to Federal agencies.