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Chapter: Control of Expenditures			
Directive Title: SET-OFFS, THIRD PARTY DEMANDS AND ASSIGNMENTS – GENERAL			

1. POLICY

Set-offs, third party demands and assignments are actions which may be taken by the Comptroller General to settle government accounts owing, as authorized by the *Financial Administration Act (FAA)*, S.22 and 69. The Comptroller General may determine whether:

- A debt which the Government owes to a person may be set off against a debt which that person owes to the Government;
- A debt which the Government owes to a person may be paid to a statutory authority in respect of a third party demand;
- The right to receive payment of a debt the Government owes to a person may be transferred by that person to another person through an assignment.

2. DIRECTIVE

Requests for set-offs, third party demands, and assignments received by the Comptroller General shall be administered subject to S.22 and S.69 of the *FAA*, the Assignment of Government Debt Regulations, the Provisions of this Directive and Directives 871, 872 and 873 of the Financial Administration Manual.

3. PROVISIONS

- 3.1. The Comptroller General must settle any concurrent claims against a debt owed by the Government in the following order:
 - a) set-offs of overdue amounts owing to the Government;



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- b) third party demands; and,
 - c) assignments.
- 3.2. The Comptroller General shall consult with the responsible departments and the department of Justice, as appropriate.