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Chapter: Control of Expenditures			
Directive Title: THIRD PARTY DEMANDS			

1. POLICY

Third party demands received from a Federal or Nunavut statutory authority against a debt owed by the Government will be honoured where required by legislation or court order.

2. DIRECTIVE

Pursuant to applicable legislation, the Provisions of this directive and of Directive 870, the Comptroller General (or delegate) shall action specific third party demands received from a Federal or Nunavut statutory authority against a debt owed by the Government.

3. PROVISIONS

- 3.1. All third party demands must be approved by the Comptroller General (or delegate). Most third party demands received are issued from one of the following sources:
 - a) Canada Revenue Agency;
 - b) Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission;
 - c) Labour Standards Board;
 - d) maintenance enforcement demands; and,
 - e) court ordered garnishments (garnishee summons) against salary or wages.
- 3.2. The Comptroller General (or delegate) may accept or reject a third party demand against a grant or contribution payable, or third party demands received from sources other than those detailed in clause 3.1.
- 3.3. A department receiving a third party demand shall ensure that it is forwarded to the Comptroller General (or delegate).



- 3.4. The Comptroller General (or delegate) may exercise the right of set-off under Directive 871 prior to accepting any third party demand.
- 3.5. The Comptroller General shall forward all rejected third party demands or garnishments to the Department of Justice for review. The Comptroller General shall act upon the advice of the Department of Justice with respect to rejected demands.
- 3.6. In the event that total third party demands exceed the amount of the debt owing by the Government, the Comptroller General shall request advice from the Department of Justice.
- 3.7. The Comptroller General shall, in writing, provide details of third party demand payments to the person to whom the Government would otherwise pay the debt.