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Paper Check Processing Restructuring Update: Inbound Transportation from Birmingham to Atlanta to Be Eliminated

Over the past several years, the Reserve Banks have been restructuring their paper check processing configuration in response to rapidly declining paper volumes. These actions have included the reduction in the number of paper check processing offices from 45 in November, 2003, to a single office at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland in early 2010.

As announced on July 31, 2009, all Federal Reserve-sponsored inbound transportation will be eliminated due to declining paper deposits. **As a result, the last day to drop off items at the Birmingham transit point will be Wednesday, December 30, 2009.** After that date, Birmingham depositors should deliver paper forward collection and return items by courier or mail to the Atlanta Office at the following address.

Courier deliveries:

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
1000 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30309-4470

Mail/UPS/FedEx deliveries:

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
Payment Services/Check Processing
2301 DeFoor Hills Road
Atlanta, GA 30318

Attachment I includes the mailing addresses for paper forward and return checks, Canadian items, Foreign items, EZ Clear savings bonds, Treasury items and Postal Money Orders. If you mail items directly from your branch offices, please make sure these offices are aware of the correct mailing addresses.

The deposit deadlines for Birmingham items at the Atlanta Office are 12:01 a.m. ET Tuesday through Friday and 6 p.m. ET Sunday. Credit will be passed when items arrive at the Atlanta Office.

Check 21-enabled Services

If you've not already done so, I encourage you to explore the advantages of moving to the Federal Reserve Banks' Check 21-enabled services including FedForward[®], FedReturn[®], FedReceipt[®], and FedReceipt for Returns to minimize the disruption that may occur as a result of the elimination of inbound transportation. Customers who are using Check 21-enabled services will experience minimal change to their daily operation as a result of this action. As a reminder, Treasury items and US Postal Money Orders can be deposited in Check 21 FedForward cash letters.

Should you have questions or concerns, or to learn more about the advantages of moving from paper to full Check 21 electronic check processing, contact your account executive as soon as possible.

Forward Collection and Return Item Paper Check Deposits, including NOIs

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Canadian Items

For regular mail deliveries:
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
Check Department
Attn: Canadian
P.O. Box 94583
Cleveland, OH 44101

For deliveries that require a signature:
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
Check Department
Attn: Canadian
1455 East Sixth Street
Cleveland, OH 44114

Foreign Items

For regular mail deliveries:
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
Check Department
Attn: Foreign Item Processing
P.O. Box 94583
Cleveland, OH 44101

For deliveries that need a signature:
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
Check Department
Attn: Foreign Item Processing
1455 East Sixth Street
Cleveland, OH 44114

EZ Clear Savings Bonds

For regular mail deliveries:
Attn: EZ Direct
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
Pittsburgh Branch
P.O. Box 399
Pittsburgh, PA 15230-0399

For deliveries that require a signature:
Attn: EZ Direct
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
Pittsburgh Office
717 Grant St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1928

Treasury Items and Postal Money Orders

For regular mail deliveries:
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
Treasury Check Processing Department
P.O. Box 442
St. Louis, MO 63166-0442

For deliveries that require a signature:
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
Treasury Check Processing Department
1421 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive
St. Louis, MO 63106-3716