



November 16, 2009

FedCash® Services of the Future

The Federal Reserve Banks recognize the need to continually review our service offerings to help ensure we are providing effective and efficient cash services. As such, we are moving toward greater service level consistency for cash services across all Reserve Offices. As part of the transformation of FedCash Services that will take place over the next several years, the Federal Reserve Banks will be transitioning to a new requirement for packaging deposits that includes a Fed-standard barcode on each incoming bag or container. Customers served by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will be the first to experience this transition, on April 5, 2010. In addition, these customers will be transitioning from the ten-bundle plastic trays they currently use for depositing and receiving currency with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and will instead be using plastic currency bags or bulk containers.

Standard Currency Deposit Packaging Requirements

By adopting pre-printed bar-coded bags, the new standard packaging requirements will permit the Federal Reserve Banks to incorporate new security features that will help pave the way for other standardization initiatives planned for the delivery of FedCash Services in the future. In the Cash Services Roadmap published in the November 2009 issue of FedFocusSM you will have the opportunity to learn more about these standardization initiatives, including how currency bags with standard bar codes will support new deposit requirements in the future.

The new standard deposit requirements are being rolled-out in the New York market and will be effective April 5, 2010. Best practices learned during the New York market roll-out will be incorporated into our final implementation plans for all Federal Reserve Banks beginning next year. Information about this change is being shared with you to help you stay ahead of this transition. Your institution may be contacted by a bag manufacturer regarding the new bar-coded bags. You may feel free to begin your transition to the new-bar coded bags, but please note that no action is necessary at this time. Your institution will receive further communications regarding this transition well in advance of your time to convert. Until then you may continue to use the same processes for depositing as you do today.

If you have any questions, please contact your local Federal Reserve Bank representative. For more information about FedCash Services visit FRBservices.org/fedcash/index.html.