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## **U.S. Department of the Treasury Check Reclamation Program Upcoming Changes in 2011**

The Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service (FMS) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia are implementing changes to the current U.S. Treasury check reclamation process beginning Monday, September 26, 2011.

### **Changes to the payment handling process**

Today, when U. S. Treasury check reclamations are paid by your financial institution via an authorization to debit your Federal Reserve Bank Statement of Account, the authorizations are sent to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Starting Monday, September 26, 2011, all authorizations will be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and can be submitted one of three ways:

- 1) E-mail to [reclamations@phil.frb.org](mailto:reclamations@phil.frb.org)
- 2) Fax to (215) 574-4163
- 3) Send via the FedLine Web<sup>®</sup> access solution

If the authorization is received at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia by 2:00 pm EST, the debit will be reflected on your Federal Reserve Bank Statement of Account the same day along with the reclamation ticket number that will be displayed for research purposes. Authorizations received after 2:00 pm EST will be reflected on the Statement of Account the next business day.

In addition, cashier's checks will no longer be an acceptable form of payment for check reclamations and the Department of Treasury will no longer accept them at the Hyattsville, Maryland address. If you are currently sending your payments in via a cashier's check, we strongly encourage your financial institution to make the switch to authorizations prior to September 26, 2011. Please refer to the reclamation notice for instructions on how to submit an authorization.

### **Changes to the delivery of check reclamation reports**

Currently, there are six check reclamation reports that are delivered to financial institutions (when applicable) from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond via the FedMail<sup>®</sup> delivery system. These reports are:

1. Weekly Abandonment Notice
2. Monthly Summary of Debt
3. Monthly Cumulative Notice of Discharged Debt
4. Annual Corrected Cumulative Notice of Discharged Debt
5. Annual 1099C Cancellation of Debt Items
6. Annual Corrected 1099C Cancellation of Debt Items

Effective Monday, September 26, 2011, these reports will be sent from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia via the FedMail<sup>®</sup> delivery system.

**Questions about the changes to the check reclamation process**

For information about the related accounting changes, refer to the message page on your financial institution's Statement of Account (see following page) from the Federal Reserve Bank. Please direct all questions about this new process to [reclamations@phil.frb.org](mailto:reclamations@phil.frb.org). A quick reference table describing the changes to the check reclamation process is included below.

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT MESSAGE

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 26, 2011, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS WILL BEGIN USING NEW INTEGRATED ACCOUNTING SYSTEM (IAS) TRANSACTION CODES TO POST TREASURY CHECK AND ACH RECLAMATION PROCESSING. THE NEW TRANSACTION CODES AND DESCRIPTIONS THAT YOU WILL SEE ON YOUR END OF DAY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FILES AND YOUR ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION (AMI) INQUIRIES AND REPORTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

### TRANSACTION CODE AND DESCRIPTIONS:

15600 - TREAS REC FI AUTH ENTRY FOR TREASURY CHECK RECLAMATIONS WHERE THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION HAS AUTHORIZED A RECLAMATION PAYMENT. THESE ENTRIES ARE CURRENTLY PROCESSED UNDER TRANSACTION CODE 08060 TREASURY TRAN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROCESSED UNDER THIS CODE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 23, 2011.

15610-TREAS CHECK REC AUTO IMMEDIATE DEBITS FOR CHECK RECLAMATION PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED BY THE TREASURY TO POST TO THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.

57230 - DFAS ACH REC AUTO DEBITS FOR RECLAMATION PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FINANCE ACCOUNTING SERVICE (DFAS). (IMPLEMENTATION WILL NOT OCCUR UNTIL MARCH 2012.)

IF YOU RECEIVE THE END-OF-DAY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION RECONCILEMENT DATA (FIRD) STATEMENT FILES, PLEASE UPDATE YOUR APPLICATIONS TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THE NEW TRANSACTION CODES PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 26, 2011. YOUR APPLICATIONS SHOULD ALSO BE UPDATED TO REMOVE TRANSACTION CODES 57090,57140,57160,57180, AND 57200 AS THEY WILL NO LONGER BE USED. ALSO WITH THIS CHANGE, CUSTOMERS THAT RECEIVE STATEMENTS FROM THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA WILL SEE THE CCWU NUMBERS FOR THESE TRANSACTIONS CHANGE TO:

4110,4111,4120,4121,4130,4131,4140,4141,4150,4151,4160,4161,4170, OR 4171.

IF YOU RECEIVE YOUR STATEMENT FROM ANOTHER FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, THE CCWU NUMBER ON YOUR STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR ALL TREASURY CHECK AND ACH RECLAMATION PROCESSING WILL CHANGE TO 9909. THE CCWU NUMBER IS CHANGING BECAUSE TREASURY CHECK AND ACH RECLAMATION PROCESSING WILL TRANSITION FROM THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF RICHMOND TO THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ACCOUNT SERVICES REP AT [HTTP://WWW.FRBSERVICES.ORG/CONTACTUS/ACCOUNT\\_SERVICES\\_CONTACT.HTML](http://www.frbservices.org/contactus/account_services_contact.html).

### Quick Reference Table

| Function                              | Current Process  | Future Process   |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Payment Handling Process              | Via authorization to FRB Richmond or<br><br>Via cashier's check to FMS | Via authorization to FRB Philadelphia to:<br>1) Email to <a href="mailto:reclamations@phil.frb.org">reclamations@phil.frb.org</a><br>2) Fax to (215) 574-4163<br>3) Send via the FedLine Web <sup>®</sup> access solution<br><br>Cashier's checks will not be accepted by FMS. |
| Delivery of Check Reclamation Reports | Via FRB Richmond through FedMail to the financial institution          | Via FRB Philadelphia through FedMail to the financial institution  |
| Questions?                            |  | Please contact us with your questions at:<br><br><a href="mailto:reclamations@phil.frb.org">reclamations@phil.frb.org</a>  |