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Freeze Periods for Production Check Services

The Federal Reserve Banks will implement two Freeze periods in 2017 for **Production** Check Service changes.

The first freeze period will run from **June 1st, 2017 through June 14th, 2017**. This freeze is being implemented to support a software upgrade to our current Check Processing Platform. More information on the software upgrade along with testing opportunities will be distributed in upcoming weeks.

Key dates to remember for the mid-year freeze:

May 31st, 2017

Last day for Production Check implementations and changes (*i.e., FedForward®, FedReturn®, FedReceipt® and PDF implementations, delivery/channel changes, settlement changes, as well as Payor changes - reject repair, archive, etc.*).

June 15th, 2017

Window re-opens for Production Check implementations and changes

The second freeze period will run from **December 22nd, 2017 through January 3rd, 2018**. This is our normal year-end freeze period to support year-end activities and 2018 changes.

Key dates to remember for the year-end freeze:

December 21st, 2017

Last day for Production Check implementations and changes (*i.e., FedForward®, FedReturn®, FedReceipt® and PDF implementations, delivery/channel changes, settlement changes, as well as Payor changes - reject repair, archive, etc.*).

January 4th, 2018

Window re-opens for Production Check implementations and changes

Please note that customers will still be able to test during these Production freeze windows. If you have questions, please contact [FedACH and Check Services Support](#) at (877) 372-2457.