

Revisions to Operating Circular 3

Summary of Key Changes

Effective July 23, 2015, the Federal Reserve Banks are amending Operating Circular 3, *Collection of Cash Items and Returned Checks*.

Key changes made by this amendment include the following:

- Paragraphs 3 and 19 were revised to reflect a change with respect to the handling of items drawn on routing numbers that have been retired by the American Bankers Association's Registrar of Routing Numbers. Related changes clarify the scope of liability of the Reserve Banks in the event that a Reserve Bank charges back and rejects or returns an item pursuant to paragraph 3.
- Revisions were made to reflect changes to [the Federal Reserve Policy on Payments System Risk \("Policy"\)](#) and Regulation J. Specifically,
 - Paragraph 9 was removed and replaced with an abbreviated reference to the Policy on Payments System Risk and the Reserve Banks' published availability schedules.
 - Paragraphs 12 and 17 were updated with a more concise reference to the appropriate provisions of Regulation J and the Policy as amended by the Board as it pertains to paying banks' settlement obligations and depository banks' obligations to make payments for returned checks.
 - Slight revisions were made to Appendices A, B, and C to clarify that the Policy and the Reserve Banks' published schedules set forth the times at and the manner in which the Reserve Banks give credit for government items, postal money orders, and savings bonds handled for processing.

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