

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK  
OF DALLAS

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**UNITED STATES CURRENCY—HAWAIIAN SERIES**

**To All Banking Institutions in the  
Eleventh Federal Reserve District:**

Reference is made to our circular letter of January 21, 1943, relating to currency issued June 25, 1942 by the Governor of the Territory of Hawaii as set forth in our circular of July 8, 1942.

There is quoted below, for your information, a press release in which you will note that all restrictions with respect to the use of specially marked currency in Hawaii have been removed:

“The Treasury Department today announced the revocation of the Hawaiian currency and securities regulations. This action brought to an end the financial ‘scorched earth’ program in Hawaii.

“The special Hawaiian regulations which were revoked today were designed to prevent the enemy from making effective use of the financial resources of the Islands in the event of a successful invasion. Under these regulations, the ordinary United States currency was withdrawn from circulation and a new series with a distinctive brown seal and the word ‘Hawaii’ overprinted was issued. Securities were required to be perforated with the letter ‘H’. Thus, in the event the Islands were occupied, it would have been difficult for the enemy to have realized any gain from the easily identifiable currency and securities which were not destroyed.

“The action taken today was in line with the Treasury policy of relaxing war-time controls as soon as conditions permit. With the danger of invasion definitely removed, the precautionary measures prescribed by the regulations are no longer necessary and hereafter unperforated securities and ordinary United States currency may be marketed and circulated in Hawaii. It was emphasized, however, that the revocation of these regulations will not affect the validity of perforated securities and the special currency issued under the ‘scorched earth’ program.”

**Therefore, it will no longer be necessary for banks receiving such currency to send it to us for exchange.**

**Yours very truly,**

**R. R. GILBERT**

**President**