

# FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS

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## UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE MONEY ORDERS

TO ALL DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS IN THE  
ELEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT:

The United States Postal Service has announced several revisions that have been made to postal money orders now entering circulation. The following is a summary of the revisions:

1. A USPS seal has been printed in the area where the seal from the clerk's validation plate previously was printed. Also, the statement "Void Without USPS Seal" has been deleted.
2. The phrase "Five hundred dollars" has been printed in the area previously used for limitation plate values.
3. On the back of the money order are new instructions regarding the cashing of a money order. The instructions state:

WARNING-CASHIER: Require positive identification. Hold money order to light and examine dollar amount area to assure it is not lighter than rest of form. Do not cash money order if there are signs of erasures or other alterations.

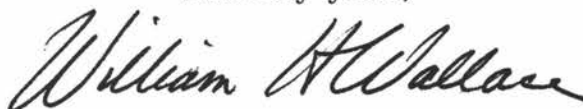
By observing the money order in direct light the cashier will be able to determine if there are areas where the form allows more light to pass. Particular attention should be given to the amount portion. Areas of increased transparency may indicate the money order has been erased or altered.

If the cashier detects what appears to be an alteration of the money order, the cashier must call the postmaster or the postmaster's designee. If the postmaster also believes the money order has been altered, the Inspection Service must be notified immediately.

Questions concerning these revisions should be directed to Jackie Young, (214) 651-6297 at the Head Office; Martin Ramsey, (915) 544-4730 at the El Paso Branch; Louis Moore, (713) 652-1581 at the Houston Branch; or Rene Gonzales, (512) 224-2141 at the San Antonio Branch.

Additional copies of this circular will be furnished upon request to the Public Affairs Department, Extension 6289.

Sincerely yours,



William H. Wallace  
First Vice President

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