

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK**

[Circular No. 3723]
June 20, 1951]

NEW FORM UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS TO BE ISSUED JULY 1, 1951

Amendments of Operating Circulars Nos. 4, 5 and 6

*To all Member and Nonmember Clearing Banks
in the Second Federal Reserve District:*

Commencing July 1, 1951, United States Post Offices will issue postal money orders in a new form. The postal money orders issued on and after that date will be in "punch card" form and may be cashed at their face amounts at any post office; money orders in the present (paper) form may be cashed at their face amounts only at the offices on which they are drawn or at which they are issued.

All Federal Reserve Banks have agreed to receive the new card form postal money orders as cash items and to give immediate credit therefor as provided in their time schedules. Accordingly, member and nonmember clearing banks in the Second Federal Reserve District may include in their cash letters to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York new card form postal money orders, which they receive from their depositors or others. Postal money orders in the present (paper) form, the issuance of which will be discontinued after June 30, 1951, will be accepted by us for collection only to the extent permitted by our Operating Circular No. 9, dated December 8, 1947.

We transmit herewith a copy of each of the following, all effective July 1, 1951:

- (1) Revised Operating Circular No. 4 entitled "Collection of Cash Items,"
- (2) Revised Operating Circular No. 5 entitled "New York Head Office Time Schedule," and
- (3) Revised Operating Circular No. 6 entitled "Buffalo Branch Time Schedule."

These enclosures effect certain amendments to the operating circulars indicated, in order to conform to the new procedure effective July 1, 1951, for handling United States postal money orders. The enclosed Revised Operating Circular No. 4 also includes, in the second sentence of paragraph 24 (formerly 23) of that circular, a change to conform to the Fourth Amendment, dated January 23, 1950, to Treasury Department Circular No. 176.

Sending banks which have heretofore been requested by us to make separate sorts of postal money orders will please continue this procedure. We may from time to time request other sending banks to make separate sorts of postal money orders if the volume of money orders included in their cash letters seems to us to warrant sorts.

ALLAN SPROUL,
President.