

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK

[Circular No. 6681]
[January 29, 1971]

COLLECTION OF CASH ITEMS

Changes in New York Head Office and
Buffalo Branch Time Schedules

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

Enclosed are copies of Appendix No. 1, "New York Head Office Time Schedule," and Appendix No. 2, "Buffalo Branch Time Schedule," both revised effective March 15, 1971, to Operating Circular No. 5.

The revised time schedules incorporate the outstanding supplements and reflect advances in the closing times for the receipt of certain cash items and the establishment of separate closing times for the receipt of computer-rejected items, as follows:

New York Head Office Time Schedule. The closing time for immediate-credit items that are fully MICR qualified and computer-acceptable has been advanced from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m., and for deferred-credit items that are fully MICR qualified and computer-acceptable, from 1:30 p.m. to 12:00 noon. The closing time for immediate-credit items that are not MICR amount-encoded has been advanced from 4:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., and for deferred-credit items that are not MICR amount-encoded, from 12:30 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Buffalo Branch Time Schedule. The closing time for deferred-credit items payable in the Second Federal Reserve District that are not MICR amount-encoded has been advanced from 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 noon. The closing time for deferred-credit items payable in other Federal Reserve Districts that are fully MICR qualified and computer-acceptable has been advanced from 12:30 p.m. to 12:00 noon, and for such items that are not MICR amount-encoded, from 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The closing times that have been established in both time schedules for computer-rejected items are the same as for items that are not MICR amount-encoded.

The changes in Appendix No. 1 stem both from a substantial increase in the volume of checks deposited with the Head Office of this Bank for collection at, or just prior to, our present closing times, and from the sizable growth in the number of cash letters received that are not in "penny proof." Despite an increase in staff and the acquisition of additional equipment, these factors have prevented us on most days from clearing or dispatching all cash items on the day of receipt. Consequently, the amount of holdover that we are obliged to carry is frequently at unacceptable levels. We have, therefore, revised our time schedule to assure the continued smooth operation of the collection process, the timely presentment of cash items, and the prompt return of unpaid items.

The changes in Appendix No. 2 are minor and involve earlier closing times for certain deferred-credit items.

We intend to utilize the additional processing time afforded us by the advanced closing hours to minimize errors in our outgoing cash letters.

Additional copies of the enclosures will be furnished upon request.

ALFRED HAYES,
President.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK

Appendix No. 1 to
Operating Circular No. 5
Revised effective March 15, 1971

NEW YORK HEAD OFFICE TIME SCHEDULE

To the Member Banks and Nonmember Clearing Banks
of the Second Federal Reserve District:

1. Credit for cash items received and accepted at our Head Office will be given, subject to applicable closing times and to sorting and other requirements, as shown below.

Immediate credit

2. Immediate credit will be given for the following items received on Mondays through Fridays that are not public holidays:

<i>Items</i>	<i>Closing times</i>
Items on banks in New York City and Northern New Jersey with routing symbols 0210, 0260, 0270, 0280*; checks on the Treasurer of the United States and postal money orders (routing symbol 0000), if not deposited with a separate cash letter and total for each class	If fully MICR qualified and computer-acceptable 5:00 a.m. If computer-rejected 3:00 a.m. If not MICR amount-encoded 3:00 a.m. (Or later, if the items are cleared on the day of receipt)
Checks on the Treasurer of the United States and postal money orders	If deposited with a separate cash letter and total for each class 1:30 p.m.
Redeemed U. S. Department of Agriculture food coupons	Must be deposited with a separate cash letter and total 1:30 p.m.
Checks on the Treasurer of the United States in amounts of \$5,000 and over	If deposited with a separate cash letter and total for each class 3:30 p.m.
Checks on Federal Reserve Bank of New York (including Buffalo Branch)	
Officers' checks of other Federal Reserve Banks	

* Banks that are participants in the Long Island Check Clearing Bureau should clear 0280 items, as well as 0214 items, through that Bureau.

Deferred credit

3. Deferred credit for all items, other than those specified in paragraph 2 and transfer drafts (see paragraph 11 of Operating Circular No. 5), that are received on Mondays through Fridays (not public holidays) and, with respect to certain items, that are received on Saturdays (not otherwise public holidays) will be given as indicated below:

(a) Unsorted items from certain sending banks and items payable in the Second Federal Reserve District —

ONE BUSINESS DAY AFTER RECEIPT

<i>Unsorted items</i>	<i>Closing times</i>
Mixed cash letters from banks with daily averages of not more than 300 items as specified in paragraph 6(a) of Operating Circular No. 5	Mondays through Fridays 12:00 noon
Mixed cash letters from banks with daily averages of not more than 2,000 MICR amount-encoded items as specified in paragraph 6(b) of Operating Circular No. 5	Mondays through Fridays 5:00 a.m. (Or later if the immediate-credit items are cleared on the day of receipt)

TWO BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT

<i>Items payable in Second Federal Reserve District</i>	<i>Closing times</i>
Items on banks with routing symbols 0211 through 0217, and 0223	Mondays through Fridays If fully MICR qualified and computer-acceptable 12:00 noon If computer-rejected 10:00 a.m. If not MICR amount-encoded 10:00 a.m.
Items fully MICR qualified in both the transit number and amount fields and sorted by depositing banks by means of computer equipment into a separate cash letter for each group of banks listed in separately furnished schedules	Mondays through Fridays 9:30 p.m. Saturdays 11:00 a.m.

(b) Items payable in the following Federal Reserve Bank or Branch cities* —

ONE CALENDAR DAY AFTER RECEIPT

Atlanta	Dallas	New Orleans
Baltimore**	Detroit	Philadelphia
Boston	Houston	Pittsburgh
Buffalo	Kansas City, Kan.	Richmond
Charlotte	Kansas City, Mo.	St. Louis
Chicago	Louisville	St. Paul, Minn.
Cincinnati	Minneapolis	San Francisco
Cleveland	Nashville	

TWO CALENDAR DAYS AFTER RECEIPT

Birmingham	Little Rock	Salt Lake City
Denver	Memphis	San Antonio
El Paso	Oklahoma City	Seattle
Helena	Omaha	
Jacksonville	Portland	

TWO BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT

Los Angeles

(c) Items payable at banks on the Par List in other Federal Reserve Districts, outside Federal Reserve Bank or Branch cities—

TWO BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT

The closing times for the items listed in subparagraphs (b) and (c) above are as follows:

Mondays through Fridays

If fully MICR qualified and computer-acceptable	12:00 noon
If computer-rejected	10:00 a.m.
If not MICR amount-encoded	10:00 a.m.

Saturdays

If fully MICR qualified and computer-acceptable	11:00 a.m.
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Sorting requirements

4. Except as provided in paragraphs 4, 6, 7, and 11 of Operating Circular No. 5, the general sorting requirements set forth below will apply.

* For purposes of this circular, the term "Federal Reserve Bank or Branch cities" includes Kansas City, Kan., and St. Paul, Minn.

** Includes items drawn on banks participating in the Baltimore regional check clearing center bearing routing symbols 0520, 0540, 0550, and 0560.

Immediate-credit items

5. All immediate-credit items may be deposited in a single sort, including checks on the Treasurer of the United States and postal money orders (routing symbols 0000, 0210, 0260, 0270, and 0280). However, if such items are not MICR amount-encoded we may require, where volume warrants, a separate sort of checks on the Treasurer of the United States and postal money orders, or of each.

Deferred-credit items

6. All deferred-credit items, including items payable in other Federal Reserve Districts (all routing symbols other than those indicated in paragraph 5 above), may be deposited in a single sort. However, we may require, where volume warrants, that such items payable in other Federal Reserve Districts or in the territory served by our Buffalo Branch be sent direct and that such items that are not MICR amount-encoded be sorted into the following two classes:

(a) Those payable in the Second Federal Reserve District with routing symbols 0211 through 0217, and 0223, and

(b) Those payable in other Federal Reserve Districts, and in the City of Buffalo with routing symbol 0220, where the volume is not sufficient to require direct sending.

Effect of this appendix upon previous appendix

7. This appendix supersedes Appendix No. 1, Revised effective September 2, 1969, and the First and Second Supplements thereto dated January 2, 1970 and July 29, 1970.

ALFRED HAYES,
President.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK

Appendix No. 2 to
Operating Circular No. 5
Revised effective March 15, 1971

BUFFALO BRANCH TIME SCHEDULE

To the Member Banks and Nonmember Clearing Banks
of the Second Federal Reserve District:

1. Credit for cash items received and accepted at our Buffalo Branch will be given, subject to applicable closing times and to sorting and other requirements, as shown below.

Immediate credit

2. Immediate credit will be given for the following items received on Mondays through Fridays that are not public holidays:

<i>Items</i>	<i>Closing times</i>
Items on banks in Buffalo (routing symbol 0220); checks on the Treasurer of the United States and postal money orders (routing symbol 0000), if not deposited with a separate cash letter and total for each class	If fully MICR qualified and computer-acceptable 8:00 a.m. If computer-rejected 6:00 a.m. If not MICR amount-encoded 6:00 a.m. (Or later, if the items are cleared on the day of receipt)
Checks on the Treasurer of the United States and postal money orders	If deposited with a separate cash letter and total for each class 2:30 p.m.
Redeemed U. S. Department of Agriculture food coupons	Must be deposited with a separate cash letter and total 2:30 p.m.
Checks on the Treasurer of the United States in amounts of \$5,000 and over	If deposited with a separate cash letter and total for each class 3:30 p.m.
Checks on Federal Reserve Bank of New York (including Buffalo Branch)	
Officers' checks of other Federal Reserve Banks	

Deferred credit

3. Deferred credit for all items, other than those specified in paragraph 2 and transfer drafts (see paragraph 11 of Operating Circular

No. 5), that are received on Mondays through Fridays (not public holidays) will be given as indicated below:

(a) Unsorted items from certain sending banks and items payable in the Second Federal Reserve District—

ONE BUSINESS DAY AFTER RECEIPT

<i>Unsorted items</i>	<i>Closing times</i>
Mixed cash letters from banks with daily averages of not more than 300 items as specified in paragraph 6(a) of Operating Circular No. 5	2:00 p.m.
Mixed cash letters from banks with daily averages of not more than 2,000 MICR amount-encoded items as specified in paragraph 6(b) of Operating Circular No. 5	8:00 a.m. (Or later if the immediate-credit items are cleared on the day of receipt)

TWO BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT

<i>Items payable in Second Federal Reserve District</i>	<i>Closing times</i>
Items on banks with routing symbols 0211 through 0217, and 0223	If fully MICR qualified and computer-acceptable 2:00 p.m. If computer-rejected 12:00 noon If not MICR amount-encoded 12:00 noon
Items of \$500 and over on above banks, if MICR amount-encoded and deposited in a separate cash letter	3:00 p.m.

(b) Items payable in the following Federal Reserve Bank or Branch cities*—

ONE CALENDAR DAY AFTER RECEIPT

Atlanta	Jacksonville	Philadelphia
Baltimore**	Kansas City, Kan.	Pittsburgh
Birmingham	Kansas City, Mo.	Portland, Ore.
Boston	Little Rock	Richmond
Charlotte	Louisville	St. Louis
Chicago	Memphis	St. Paul, Minn.
Cincinnati	Minneapolis	Salt Lake City
Cleveland	Nashville	San Antonio
Dallas	New Orleans	San Francisco
Denver	New York City	Seattle
Detroit	Oklahoma City	
Houston	Omaha	

* For purposes of this circular, the term "Federal Reserve Bank or Branch cities" includes Kansas City, Kan., and St. Paul, Minn.

** Includes items drawn on banks participating in the Baltimore regional check clearing center bearing routing symbols 0520, 0540, 0550, and 0560.

TWO CALENDAR DAYS AFTER RECEIPT

El Paso

Helena

TWO BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT

Los Angeles

(c) Items payable at banks on the Par List in other Federal Reserve Districts, outside Federal Reserve Bank or Branch cities—

TWO BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT

The closing times for the items listed in subparagraphs (b) and (c) above are as follows:

Mondays through Fridays

If fully MICR qualified and computer-acceptable	12:00 noon
If computer-rejected	10:00 a.m.
If not MICR amount-encoded	10:00 a.m.

Sorting requirements

4. Except as provided in paragraphs 4, 6, 7, and 11 of Operating Circular No. 5, the general sorting requirements set forth below will apply.

Immediate-credit items

5. All immediate-credit items may be deposited in a single sort, including checks on the Treasurer of the United States and postal money orders (routing symbols 0000 and 0220). However, if such items are not MICR amount-encoded we may require, where volume warrants, a separate sort of checks on the Treasurer of the United States and postal money orders, or of each.

Deferred-credit items

6. All deferred-credit items, including items payable in other Federal Reserve Districts (all routing symbols other than those indicated in paragraph 5 above), may be deposited in a single sort, provided they are deposited prior to the closing hours applicable to items specified in paragraphs 3(b) and 3(c) above. However, we may require, where volume warrants, that such items payable in other Federal Reserve Districts or in the territory served by our Head Office be sent direct and that such items that are not MICR amount-encoded be sorted into the following two classes:

(a) Those payable in the Second Federal Reserve District with routing symbols 0211 through 0217, and 0223, and

(b) Those payable in other Federal Reserve Districts, and in New York City and Northern New Jersey with routing symbols 0210, 0260, 0270, and 0280, where the volume is not sufficient to require direct sending.

Effect of this appendix on previous appendix

7. This appendix supersedes Appendix No. 2, Revised effective September 2, 1969, and the First Supplement thereto dated January 2, 1970.

ALFRED HAYES,
President.