

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK  
OF NEW YORK**

March 15, 1973

**NEW POSTAL MONEY ORDER**

*To the Chief Executive Officers of All Banks  
in the Second Federal Reserve District:*

Commencing in the second quarter of 1973, the United States Postal Service will begin issuing a new style postal money order. The new form will be printed on paper, rather than card stock as at present, and will include a new line of information at the top of the document for purposes of processing the money order on optical character recognition equipment by the Postal Service. In addition, the new form will bear routing symbol transit number  $\frac{15-20}{000}$  in the upper right corner and 0000-0020 in magnetic ink in the bottom band. The color and insignia of the new money order will differ from that presently used.

The present conversion schedule calls for the Post Offices in the New York region to begin initial sales on or about April 28; shortly thereafter, Post Offices elsewhere in the Nation will begin issuing the new postal money order. It is expected that all Post Offices will commence issuing the new paper form, and will cease issuance of the card form, by October 31, 1973.

The purpose of this letter is to alert all banks to the imminent appearance of this new form of cash item in financial transactions. In addition to this communication, the Postal Service will conduct a general publicity program to announce the new form.

Banks that are eligible to deposit cash items with the Head Office, the Buffalo Branch, or any Regional Check Processing Center of this Bank will receive immediate credit for deposits of the new money orders. In the event that the volume of the new style money orders deposited with us exceeds 300 on a daily basis, it would be appreciated if the two styles of money orders would be deposited in separate packages. Upon completion of the conversion, this segregation will no longer be necessary and this Bank will then accept such items in accordance with its usual sort requirements.

If you are in the Head Office territory and you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact either of the following (Telephone No. 212-732-5700): William J. Irwin, Chief, Check Processing Division (Extension 321) or John F. Sobala, Administrative Assistant, Check Processing Division (Extension 361).

If you are in the Buffalo Branch territory you may contact either of the following officers of the Branch (Telephone No. 716-853-1700): Ronald B. Gray, Assistant Vice President and Cashier (Extension 204) or Peter D. Luce, Assistant Cashier (Extension 206).

ALFRED HAYES,  
*President.*