

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK  
OF NEW YORK**

[ Circular No. 9470 ]  
March 24, 1983 ]

**CHECK SERVICES**  
**Technical Amendments to Operating Circular No. 4**

*To All Depository Institutions in the  
Second Federal Reserve District:*

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has adopted several technical changes to its Operating Circular No. 4, entitled "Collection of Cash Items" and its Appendices.

**Fee schedules**

The fees charged by the Bank for its check collection services have previously been printed both as Appendix H to the circular and as separate printed schedules for distribution to depository institutions using our services. We understand that depository institutions find it more useful to refer to the printed schedules. Accordingly, our fees for our check services will be contained in the printed schedules and we will discontinue Appendix H to the operating circular. We are also deleting the reference to Appendix H in paragraph 46 of the circular. Current check service fees, effective February 24, 1983, were distributed with our Circular No. 9441, dated January 17, 1983. Fees for our direct send and consolidated shipment services were distributed in a letter of the same date to institutions that use those services.

**Food coupons**

The Department of Agriculture has recently amended its regulations to permit certain additional insured financial institutions, particularly insured savings and loan associations, to redeem food coupons for authorized retailers and wholesalers. The regulations (7 C.F.R. Parts 271 and 278) implement the Food Stamp and Commodity Distribution Amendments of 1981 (Title XIII of Public Law 97-98). We have amended Appendix C of Operating Circular No. 4 to reflect those institutions currently authorized to send food coupons to this Bank and to cite the current regulation of the Department of Agriculture.

**MB&B Arrangement**

Appendix F of the operating circular contains the agreement governing the Manhattan, Bronx and Brooklyn Collection Arrangement. The references, in paragraph 4(a) of that Appendix, to returns of time notes and other time items are in error because we do not collect time notes and other time items and thus they may not be returned. We are deleting those references.

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If you have any questions about these amendments, or would like additional information, please call, in the Head Office territory, John F. Sobala, Assistant Vice President (Tel. No. 212-791-5997), or, in the Buffalo Branch territory, Robert J. McDonnell, Operations Officer (Tel. No. 716-849-5022).

ANTHONY M. SOLOMON,  
*President.*

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**Fifth Supplement to  
Operating Circular No. 4  
(Revised effective November 13, 1980)  
Effective February 24, 1983**

**COLLECTION OF CASH ITEMS  
Fee Schedules and Food Coupons**

*To All Depository Institutions in the  
Second Federal Reserve District:*

Effective February 24, 1983, Operating Circular No. 4 is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 46, as amended by the Second Supplement to the circular, is further amended to read as follows:

46. Our fee schedules show the prices at which we offer our various cash item collection services. We may make the charge to the account maintained or used by the sender or other bank requesting the service.

2. Appendix C, entitled "Food Coupons," is amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph 1 is amended to read as follows:

1. We handle food coupons as cash items under an agreement between the Secretary of Agriculture, in behalf of the United States, and the Reserve Banks as depositories and fiscal agents of the United States pursuant to authorization of the Secretary of the Treasury. As to matters that agreement does not cover, Regulation J, this circular, and our time schedules apply. We receive food coupons only from (1) banks that maintain accounts with us and that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC) and (2) FDIC- or FSLIC-insured banks not having accounts with us but that have arranged with us to send coupons to us for credit to the account of a bank having an account with us. Other banks should forward coupons through ordinary collection channels.

(b) Paragraphs 3 and 4 are amended by changing the reference to 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter II, from "Section 272.5(c)" to "Part 278.5(c)."

3. Appendix F, entitled "Manhattan, Bronx and Brooklyn ('MB&B') Collection Arrangement," is amended as follows:

Paragraph 4(a) is amended by inserting "and" following "ineligible items" and deleting "time notes and other time items" in both places at which that phrase appears.

4. Appendix H is deleted.

**ANTHONY M. SOLOMON,  
President.**

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