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All CTS Member Banks

Release of New specification document version 2.4

As part of the CTS system improvement, there various changes is getting introduced and the following are the two major changes which are part of the new CHI specification version 2.4.

1. Govt. Cheque Validations
2. MICR Repair Flag Validations
3. Return reason description made mandatory for reason code : 88 (Others)

One of the important change is the introduction of MICR repair flag validation and the same will be done in CXF presented with the Schema 010005 only. For the benefit all member banks the new schema 010005 will be made mandatory with effect from April 01, 2016. The new schema is deployed in CH and CHI with effect from March 01, 2016 and system will accept both old and new schemas till April 30, 2016.

The summary of changes enclosed in the Annexure I. Updated CHI specification (version 2.4) is also enclosed along with this circular.

All the member banks are advised to take a note of the same and do necessary changes accordingly.

Thanks & Regards

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Annexure I:

Sl. No.	CHI Spec Section	Detail	Changes
1	Section 3.7.1	**Government Cheque validation:** This validation ensures that if the cheque is a government cheque, it should be processed as "Image To Follow with Paper To Follow".	Document type C validation exists only for the transaction code 20. The validation for the codes 21-27 & 49 are removed.
2	Section 8.b (CHI)	Report of items detected as IQA and Government cheques - Contains the list of government cheques and IQA failure cheques	Report will continue as it is, based on Document type C
	Section 8.h (CHI)	New report - "SAN Validation Report" - contains item details which got rejected due to short account validation failures	Cheque details on SAN validation rejected items available in this report. As such this is an optional field only.
3	Appx 4.3.10.3.3.1	New Reject reason codes introduced	Reject reason Code - 34 - Payor Branch not available in BOFD city for P2F instruments. Reject reason Code - 35 - Item failed with return reason comment validation for cheques returned with reason code 88 (other reason).
		Reject reason description updated	Reject reason code 15 - These items were rejected as Account Number is Invalid or Invalid Documentation Type for government cheque. Reject reason code 27 - These items were rejected as they failed Government Cheque validation. Please refer the latest version of CH Master file and CHI Specification for details.
4	Appx 4.1.3.1 File header	New schema introduced to enable new validations on MICR Repair Flags attribute of item element.	for CXF from 010003 to 010005 RRF from 010003 to 010004 ERF from 010003 to 010005

5	Appx 4.1.3.3 Item	7 digit account number and a 3 digit trancode. Example 1234567 and 987 from the MICR line are formed into the account number 1234567, and trancode 987. 6 digit account number and trancode in the range 20-27. Example 876543 and 21 from the MICR line are formed into the account number 876543, and trancode 21	Document type C validation exists only for the transaction code 20. The validation for the codes 21-27 & 49 are removed.
		• Account Number value shall be mandatory 6 digits for 2 digits Transcode. Example SAN 123456 and Transcode 78 is valid scenario. • Account Number value shall be mandatory 7 digits for 3 digits Transcode. Example SAN 1234567 and Transcode 890 is valid scenario.	a. SAN and Trancode validation added i.e. system will validate whether appropriate digits of short account number (SAN) was provided. For example if 2 digit tran code selected then system will expect the 6 digit SAN else system will reject the same. In case of 3 digit tran code system will look for the 7 digit SAN. Earlier this validation was not available. b. SAN will be kept optional till further communication. It can be left blank however if the SAN is given then the same should subjected to the validation detailed in point a above.
		Attribute name – MICR Repair Flags	Flags to be set if the read code line has been corrected. 'xxxxy1': if any field of the code line is corrected. 'xxxx9x': if Account is new 'xxxx5x': if old account 'xxx1y1': if transaction code is repaired 'xx1xy1': if account code is repaired 'x1xxy1': if sort code is repaired '1xxxy1': if serial number is repaired x: could be '0' or '1' y :could be '0' or '9' or '5'