



AN 7259 Revised Standards for Multiple Clearing Messages

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Executive overview

Mastercard is revising its Standards relating to the use of multiple clearing messages for a single purchase transaction authorized on the Mastercard Dual Message System.

Effective date details

Date	Details
13 October 2023	Revised Standards become effective

Customer benefit

The revised Standards will help issuers in managing holds on cardholder accounts when the authorized amount exceeds the final transaction amount. Issuers will receive the information they need to be able to release any hold that may remain when an acquirer uses multiple clearing messages for a single purchase transaction, and the total cleared amount is less than the total authorized amount.

What Mastercard is doing

Effective 13 October 2023, Mastercard will change the acquirer requirements for submitting multiple clearing messages as detailed within this bulletin announcement.

Version history

Date	Description of change
23 May 2023	Clarified that the acquirer's authorization reversal when the authorized amount is not fully cleared may be a partial or full reversal.
24 January 2023	Initial publication date

Overview of revised acquirer requirements

A Mastercard Dual Message System acquirer has the option to submit multiple clearing messages after receiving authorization approval for a single purchase, whether the original authorization request is identified as a preauthorization or as a final authorization. For an example, an acquirer may choose to use this option when a purchase order contains items that the merchant will deliver at different times, or when the merchant may otherwise choose to provide separate receipts for items

ordered, such as in the case of airline tickets purchased for multiple passengers.

Effective 13 October 2023, when an acquirer submits multiple clearing messages in connection with an original authorization request:

- The acquirer must populate one of the following values in Data Element [DE] 25 (Message Reason Code) of each First Presentment/1240 message:
 - 1403 (Previously approved authorization partial amount, multiclearing); or
 - 1404 (Previously approved authorization partial amount, final clearing), indicating that the original authorization is closed and the acquirer will not send any more clearing messages.
- If the acquirer identifies the original authorization request as a preauthorization, and submits the final clearing message with a value of 1403 but will not fully clear the authorized amount, then the acquirer or merchant must initiate an authorization reversal. This will allow the issuer to release any excess hold on the cardholder's account. The authorization reversal may be a full reversal (as the authorization is now closed), or a partial reversal containing the total cleared amount in DE 95 (Replacement Amount).

Mastercard expects issuers to use the following data to match each clearing message received to an original authorization request:

- The value in DE 63 (Transaction Life Cycle ID), subfield 2 (Trace ID) of the First Presentment/1240 clearing message; and
- The values in DE 63 (Network Data), subfield 2 (Banknet Reference Number) and DE 15 (Date, Settlement) of the original Authorization Request/0100 message.

Guidance for issuers that receive partial clearing messages

The following table provides guidance for issuers that receive partial clearing messages.

If the acquirer...	Then the issuer...
Populates a value of 1403 in a First Presentment/1240 message	Should reduce the hold on the cardholder's account by the amount populated in the First Presentment/1240 message, and maintain a hold on cardholder's account for the remaining authorized amount that the acquirer has not yet cleared until: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The original authorization is no longer valid (refer to section 2.8 Message Reason Code 4808 Chargeback Protection Period of the <i>Transaction Processing Rules</i> for more information); or• The issuer receives a reversal message (which may occur when the acquirer identifies the original authorization as a preauthorization).
Populates a value of 1404 in a First Presentment/1240 message	Should treat this partial clearing message as the final clearing message. If the total cleared amount is less than the original authorized amount, then the issuer should release any remaining hold on the cardholder's account.

Revised Standards

To view marked revisions, refer to the attachment associated with this announcement. Additions are underlined; deletions are indicated with a strikethrough.

Questions

Customers with questions about the information in this announcement should contact Global Customer Service using the contact information on the Technical Resource Center.