

PHILIPPINE CLEARING HOUSE CORPORATION

Manila, Philippines

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T O : All Clearing Banks/Institutions

R E : AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 4 (MICR CODELINE) OF THE
CHECK DESIGN STANDARDS & SPECIFICATIONS MANUAL

1. We wish to inform that PCHC is now contemplating on implementing a domestic US Dollar clearing facility for banks which may want to offer local dollar demand deposit product. In preparation, we deemed it necessary to include a Currency Code in the MICR code line (*aside from other distinguishing marks on the physical check*) to immediately identify in the Check Image Clearing System (CICS) a domestically drawn US Dollar check from that of a Peso check.
2. Relative to this plan, we are proposing to amend portions of Section 4 of the Check Design Standards and Specifications (CDSS) manual, to wit:

Section 4 – MICR Code Line Specifications

There will be a minimal change in the MICR code line structure as presently being observed, i.e. should be printed using magnetic ink along the 5/8 clear band area.xxxx

Field Description	Field Size
• Amount	11
• <u>Transaction Code</u>	<u>2</u>
• <u>Currency Code</u>	<u>1</u>
• Account Number	12
• Branch Routing Transit Number Symbol (BRSTN)	9
• Check Serial Number	10

4.2 Transaction Code Field

Numeric codes on this field should be pre-printed. The 2 digit transaction code will be used to distinguish if item sent for clearing is a check, a charge slips or a special clearing receipt. The following transaction codes will be used:

00 – for CICS check

02 – for special clearing receipts (SCR)

03 – for charge slips (CS)

4.3 Currency Code

The single digit code will be used to determine if check is in Peso or in any other currency, to wit:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Currency</u>
0	Peso
1	US Dollar

3. The pre-printing of currency code will be useful systems wise, as it could provide additional control in identifying a CICS check from a non-CICS document.
4. With the foregoing, we would like to solicit your comments/suggestion on or before 27 February 2015 so we can finalize this amendment to the CDSS manual. Feedback may be emailed to PCHC Operations Support at PHILCLEAR@pchc.com.ph or faxed at 522-11-40 or 886-13-49.
5. We hope for your immediate response.


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