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FedImage® Gateway Interface Modifications

The Federal Reserve Banks are in the process of making enhancements to the FedImage Archive System. This change will provide customers with access to expanded electronic check information from Image Cash Letter deposits. These enhancements require some modifications to the FedImage Archive database.

As a FedImage Gateway Retrieval vendor, we wanted to make you aware of these upcoming changes that are planned to be rolled out across all Federal Reserve Bank offices starting in late summer and into the fall. It is critical that you review your current interface to the FedImage Archive System and make any necessary changes by July 31, 2008, in order to address any potential issues in advance of these enhancements going into production late summer.

The FedImage Archive database will be enhanced to allow up to 19 characters in the Account Number field (up from 17 currently) and up to 15 characters in the Check Number field (up from 6 currently). Thus, when you submit a query for these fields, the returned XML response may contain the expanded fields.

The new specifications for the expanded fields are as follows:

Check Number - optional field accepts only integers. The maximum length of this field is 15.
Account Number - optional field accepts only integers. The maximum length of this field is 19.

Please validate that your application can properly process a response that contains an Account Number of up to 19 characters and a Check Number of up to 15 characters. It is important to note that this enhancement will be rolled out across all Federal Reserve Bank offices over a period of couple months and it will impact newly archived items only. Thus, the xml response for some items may contain the current length fields while others will contain the expanded fields.

An example of a response with the expanded fields follows:

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<index name="Check Number" value="000000000000000"/>  
<index name="Account Number" value="0000000000000293928"/>
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We are in the process of updating the FedImage Gateway Retrieval Interface Guide with the above information as well as providing details on how to take advantage of the additional check electronic data that will be available to FedImage Archive users.

If you have any questions regarding this change, we strongly encourage you to contact the Customer Contact Center (CCC) at (800) 769-3265 or send an e-mail to sys.ccc.issgateway@mpls.frb.org. If you would like to test your interface against a database with the expanded field, you have two options: 1) a sample response file can be provided for your testing purposes or 2) the QA environment will be populated with sample items. Please contact CCC for assistance with these efforts.

Once you have confirmed that your interface can support the expanded fields, notification will be required to be provided to the CCC via e-mail at sys.ccc.issgateway@mpls.frb.org by **July 31, 2008**.