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SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES TO DOD 7000.14-R, VOLUME 5, APPENDIX A "CASH VERIFICATION"

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PARAGRAPH	EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION	PURPOSE
Multiple	Revise hyperlinks and references in the Appendix	Update
A00102.G	Amend paragraph to delete the requirement to prepare and forward copies of the verification report to DFAS and to file. Also, delete the requirement to provide a copy to the ATM Accountable Officer. This guidance is provided in Chapter 3 of this volume.	Update

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A001 CASH VERIFICATION TEAM PROCEDURES

A00101. Nature and Time of the Verification. Chapter 3 of this volume requires that a cash verification team conduct a surprise verification of the cash and other assets in the accountability of the disbursing officer (DO) at least once during each calendar quarter. It is generally not practical to do this on days involving unusually high volumes of disbursing transactions. The team ensures that a DO and his or her agents are given no advance notification of when the verification will occur. Scheduling should be random to ensure the verification does not predictably fall during a particular time period in each quarter. If an audit of the DO's accountability has been conducted by transfer of account or if component investigative or audit agencies have conducted a verification during any given quarter, the commander may elect to omit a separate cash verification for that quarter. If such a determination is made, then the cash verification team prepares a written statement for the commander's signature specifying the circumstances for the determination.

A00102. <u>Verification Procedures</u>

- A. <u>General</u>. Immediately upon arrival, the cash verification team presents a copy of its letter of appointment and, with continuous presence of the DO or a deputy, assumes control over all cash and other assets in the DO's accountability. If access is refused, the verification team leader immediately notifies the commander. Each custodian of public funds prepares a <u>DD Form 2665</u> (Daily Agent Accountability Summary) and the DO prepares a <u>DD Form 2657</u> (Daily Statement of Accountability) for the close of business of that day and turns it over to the cash verification team. No custodian of public funds may conduct further business until the cash verification team has completed the count of that custodian's funds. Normally, verify the duty cashier's funds first to minimize the impact on disbursing operations.
- В. Cash and Other Assets. The cash verification team secures and inventories by actual count all vaults, safes, security containers, and cash drawers containing cash or other assets in the presence of the person accountable for their safekeeping. If the commander determines that it is not practical to inventory the funds in the possession of some of the DO's agents because of inaccessibility or geographic separation, the cash verification team verifies the amounts shown on custody receipts either by telephone with the accountable person, examination of the permanent file of cash verifications and certification held by the disbursing office, or any other means available to complete the verification. The verification team notes actions taken and any limits to the verification in the report. If any agent's cash accountability is not physically verified when the DO's cash accountability is verified, no quarterly verification of that agent's cash is considered to have been made. Verify documents representing unvouchered expenditures by determining that checks were issued to designated payees or that the signatures on cash receipts are authentic. Examine undeposited checks to ensure that they are negotiable instruments the DO is authorized to exchange for cash and that checks received as collections are maintained separately from those received in accommodation exchange transactions. Verify that

the DO deposits receipts daily, or if daily deposits of less than \$5,000 are impractical, that receipts are accumulated until the total reaches \$5,000 and then deposited, but that deposits are made by Thursday of each week, regardless of the amount accumulated. See <u>Chapter 5</u> of this volume. Inventory both blank check working stock and bulk storage to ensure that all check issues have been properly reported. Where roll stock of blank checks is used, conduct the inventory by recording the ending number from the reels and not by unrolling of the reel, which could destroy the stock. Examine voided and spoiled checks held by the DO pending local destruction to ensure they are properly defaced and stored in authorized containers. Inventory undelivered checks to ensure that none are missing, none exceed the time limit to be held, and all are properly safeguarded. See *Chapter 8* of this volume.

- C. <u>Authorizations and Records</u>. Compare amounts of cash held at personal risk by the DO and his or her agents to the authorization to hold such cash, as indicated by the commander's signed letter. See Chapter 3 of this volume.
- D. Imprest and Change Funds. The cash verification team verifies imprest and change funds at least once each quarter. This may be simplified by appointing an individual rather than a team. Accomplish these verifications by totaling all receipts and counting all cash to prove the total shown on the cash receipt held by the DO. Investigate and document on the cash verification report any receipts for cash advanced by the imprest fund cashier more than five days old if not redeemed before the report is issued. Change fund accountable individuals certify in writing that their funds are intact at the time of the cash verification. Change fund verification consists of verifying that the cash drawer contains the amount shown on the change fund documentation, after adjusting for any sales proceeds or receipts on the day of verification. Verifications of both imprest fund cashiers and change fund custodians ensure that none of the funds include personal checks from the cashier/custodian, any of their supervisors, or the individual charged with accountability for the funds. See *Chapter 2* of this volume.
- E. <u>DD Form 2657 (Daily Statement of Accountability)</u>. After proving all the entries for cash and other assets by the preceding verifications, the cash verification team inserts the following statement on (or attach to) the <u>DD Form 2657</u>:

"On <u>(date)</u> at <u>(time)</u>, the undersigned verified by actual count cash in the amount of \$____, together with all documents supporting collections and disbursements, which (agrees)/(does not agree) with this daily statement of accountability.

F. <u>Safekeeping Deposits</u>. Immediately after verifying the DO's cash accountability, the cash verification team verifies all safekeeping deposits and the postal stamp funds (if applicable); see *Chapter 26* and *Chapter 27* of this volume.

* G. Report of Verification. Following Chapter 3 of this volume, the cash verification team reports all findings in writing to the appointing official immediately upon

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completion of verification of both official funds and safekeeping deposits. If the appointing official is not the DO's commander, address the report jointly to the appointing official and the DO's commander so that both receive an original of the verification report. Where safekeeping of personal funds and valuables is authorized and the designated safekeeping custodian is not the DO, send a copy of the report to the safekeeping custodian. Include in the report:

- 1. The date the verification was conducted;
- 2. The date of the preceding verification;
- 3. A statement as to whether or not the DO is in compliance with the safekeeping requirements in Chapter 3 of this volume;
- 4. The identity of each person holding cash under the DO's cash accountability that was not verified by actual count, the amount of cash each held, and the method of contact made with each custodian. If such contact was made, include a statement as to whether or not the verified cash accountability of the DO agrees with the DD Form 2657 cash and other asset totals;
- 5. A list of undeposited checks containing a description of those not handled as prescribed by this volume;
- 6. A statement as to whether or not the DO is taking timely action to clear debit vouchers, check issue discrepancies, check issue reporting gaps, duplicate payments, forgery recoveries through the banks, and reissue of limited payability check cancellations; and
- 7. A statement as to whether or not safekeeping deposits verified agreed with safekeeping deposit records.

The cash verification team follows up during the next quarterly cash verification to ensure that deficiencies noted in the previous cash verification report were corrected by the DO and reports the results to the appointing official in the form required by that official. The senior member of the cash verification team ensures that all working papers and correspondence pertaining to the cash verification are maintained as a permanent part of the cash verification team's records.

A002 CASH VERIFICATION TEAM CHECKLIST

- A00201. <u>General</u>. Use this checklist as a guide for the cash verification process and to assist in preparing the official verification report. The senior member of the verification team, in consultation with the DO, determines which checklist items pertain to the DO's operations and operating environment, and notes and explains any deviations or omissions from the checklist in the official report.
- A00202. The cash verification team's senior member notifies the DO's immediate supervisor upon its arrival to conduct the surprise verification of cash and other assets.

- A00203. Secure all accessible safes holding DO cash accountability items until their contents are verified.
- A00204. Require the DO to balance the DD Form 2657 and validate amounts reported for items due the United States Government that are included in the balance.
 - A00205. Commence the actual count of currency and other assets.

A. Cash

- 1. Count all currency and coin in the presence of the accountable individual.
- 2. Count all items representing cash, including exchange-for-cash checks, in the presence of the accountable individual.
- 3. Verify that cash and receipts held by agents in the disbursing office equal the receipts signed by those agents and held by the DO.
- 4. In the presence of the accountable individual, count all negotiable instruments representing cash held by the DO awaiting deposit.

B. Other Assets

- 1. Review and total all receipts for cash held by the DO's agents located outside the disbursing office.
- 2. Review and total all SFs 215 (Deposit Ticket) for which both the memorandum and agency copies are held, indicating that the deposit has not been confirmed, and require the DO to start tracing items not reflected in Ca\$hLink II. See Chapter 5 of this volume.
- 3. Review the SFs 5515 (Debit Voucher) and the associated dishonored checks, and require the DO to start collection action.
 - 4. Review documents for unvouchered expenditures and money lists.
- 5. Review exchange-for-cash checks in transit. See <u>Chapter 7</u> of this volume.
- 6. Review FMS Forms 5206 (Advice of Check Issue Discrepancy) representing overdrafts and underdrafts. See *Chapter 9* of this volume.
 - 7. Review actions on previously-reported losses of funds.
 - 8. Verify bank statements and balances of foreign currency held in

limited depositary checking accounts. See <u>Chapter 14</u> of this volume.

- 9. Verify by actual count the amount of foreign currency against the subsidiary records and the foreign currency reports.
- A00206. Review all vouchers supporting gains and losses on foreign currency transactions. See *Chapter 13* of this volume.
- A00207. Review the DO's compliance with <u>Chapter 4</u> of this volume regarding the cashing of personal checks and the collection of dishonored checks.
- A00208. Ensure that checks representing collections are properly identified and supported by collection vouchers so that dishonored personal checks received as collections may be charged back to the receiving activity and not held as losses due to accommodation exchanges made by the DO. See Chapter 4 of this volume.
- A00209. Examine previous cash verification reports to ensure that deficiencies being reported a second time in the current cash verification report are noted as significant, and advise the commander of action necessary to remedy immediately the deficiencies of the DO.
- A00210. Review maintenance of the <u>DD Form 2658</u> (Returned and Undeliverable Check/Bond Record), or automated system if used, to ensure the DO attempted to deliver bonds within the prescribed 30-day holding period. See *Chapter 23* of this volume.
- A00211. Review maintenance of the DD 2658, or automated system if used, to ensure that no undelivered checks are missing, none exceed the time limit to be held, and all are properly safeguarded. See Chapter 8 of this volume.
- A00212. Verify all undeposited checks in relation to the prescribed frequency and timeliness of deposits. See Chapter 5 of this volume.
- A00213. Compare military payroll vouchers and money lists with related pay accounts to ensure payments are posted to the member's account.
- A00214. Review all letters of authorization to hold cash at personal risk to ensure that cash held is commensurate with needs and complies with the letters of authorization. See Chapter 3 of this volume.
- A00215. Verify safekeeping deposits, postal funds, postage stamp stock, and postal money order stock, if applicable. See Chapter 27 of this volume.
- A00216. If the DO or other authorized safekeeping custodian operates automated teller machines (ATMs), direct the accountable officer to conduct a full end-of-session validation with the ATM system before conducting the actual cash count of ATM currency. See Chapter 26 of this volume.

- A. The accountable officer, or appointed assistant where applicable, responsible for each ATM terminal removes all canisters, whether empty or loaded, and delivers them to the cash verification team for counting and verification.
- B. Balance the ATM system using the ATM end-of-session reports. Require the ATM accountable officer, or appointed assistant where applicable, to complete an ATM Cash Balance Sheet (*DD Form2672*) for each assigned ATM terminal to reconcile the funds remaining in the ATM terminal to the original amount loaded in and the amount of funds withdrawn from the terminal. The end-of-session reports show how much cash each terminal dispensed. If the DD Forms 2672 and the end-of-session reports agree, the ATM terminal is in balance. Complete the identical process for each ATM terminal to ensure the ATM system is in balance.
- C. Ensure the Automated Teller Machine Ledger (<u>DD Form 2670</u>) is properly maintained and in balance.
- D. Ensure that ATM passwords and safe combinations are changed every 6 months as required.
- E. Ensure that ATM cards and personal identification numbers are properly safeguarded, and that ATM accounts are being closed when the account holder is transferred.
- F. Review all closed and dormant ATM accounts for audit. See Chapter 26 of this volume.
- G. Inventory all blank ATM cards (bulk and working stock) t ensure that custody of blank ATM cards is properly maintained.
- A00217. Inventory all Stored Value Cards (both EzPay and EagleCash) to ensure that blank stock is being properly stored. See Chapter 7 of this volume.
- A00218. Inventory all blank checks (both working and bulk stock), examine all voided and spoiled checks pending local destruction, and review check issue discrepancy report.

A003 FINALIZATION PROCEDURES

- A00301. Verify totals from the above reviews with the amounts reported on the DD Form 2657.
- A00302. Advise the DO, informally and as appropriate, of any discrepancies or deficiencies noted.
- A00303. Notify the DO's immediate superior and the commander of any deficiencies and advise them that a written report will be prepared.
 - A00304. All members of the cash verification team sign and certify the results of

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the cash verification on the DD Form 2657 or a paper attached to the DD Form 2657.

A00305. Distribute the cash verification report. See subparagraph A00102.G of this Appendix.