



OTCnet Connect

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Java Security Update

Java 1.7.0_51 is now available for download. It is recommended that the latest version of Java be maintained at all times to ensure the highest level of security and functionality for your workstations. However, please reference your agency's internal policies and procedures prior to taking any action.

You must **ensure that your Java security slider settings are set to the levels illustrated in the chart below.** Using a version of Java with your security slider settings outside of the range described below will prevent full OTCnet functionality at your workstation.

Agencies using the OTCnet Offline application on Java versions 1.7.0_45, 1.7.0_51, or higher must **install the January 2014 OTCnet Security Update to ensure that OTCnet continues to function properly**, as illustrated in the chart below. The update is available in the form of an executable file.

New Java Update Actions Required			
	Java Version	Offline and Online Security Slider Settings Required	Offline Security Update Required
Java 6 (32-bit)	1.6.0_0 to 1.6.0_45	N/A	No Action Required
Java 7 (32-bit)	1.7.0_0 to 1.7.0_9	N/A	No Action Required
	1.7.0_10 to 1.7.0_21	Very High or High or Medium	No Action Required
	1.7.0_25 ¹	Medium	No Action Required
	1.7.0_40 ¹	Medium	No Action Required
	1.7.0_45	Medium	Install OTCnet Security Update – Jan 2014
	1.7.0_51	Very High or High or Medium ²	Install OTCnet Security Update – Jan 2014

¹It is highly recommended that users on Java versions 1.7.0_25 and 1.7.0_40 update to the latest version of Java to ensure full OTCnet functionality. Features of OTCnet check capture may not have full functionality on Java versions 1.7.0_25 and 1.7.0_40.

²Java 1.7.0_51 can be used with the security slider set to any setting, including "Very High". This is an initial analysis, but further testing will be conducted to confirm OTCnet compatibility with 1.7.0_51.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Treasury OTC Support Center at 866.945.7920 or via email at FMS.OTCChannel@citi.com.

What to Expect in Future OTCnet Releases!

As we continue to further enhance OTCnet and the services it provides, we are delighted to announce the next two planned OTCnet releases.

Release 1.5 [Estimated Production Date of Summer 2014] will introduce new features that will help agencies utilize the OTCnet application more efficiently and effectively. These new changes include the following:

- **A new historical reporting function (Archiving)** will allow users to efficiently query check records that are associated with batches that have been forwarded for settlement more than 18 months ago
- **Additional check scanners (batch and single feed)** will become compatible with the new updates in the OTCnet system
- **A new batch list report software** will be implemented to allow batch list reports to populate and print consistently, resolving the current issue where the batch list does not populate or is unable to print

Release 2.0 [Estimated Production Date of Spring 2015] will introduce functionality to allow agencies to report **multiple Classification Keys (C-Keys)** to a single check under the Check Capture component. Users will have the flexibility to report either by detail level or by summary level similar to the Deposit Reporting component. Thank you for your support in our ongoing efforts to improve OTCnet.

Quick Links

- **OTCnet Website:** <http://www.fms.treas.gov/otcnet/index.html>
- **OTCnet Application:** <https://otcnet.fms.treas.gov/>
- **OTCnet System Requirements:** http://fms.treas.gov/otcnet/related.html#sys_req_1
- **OTCnet Training:** <http://www.fms.treas.gov/otcnet/training.html>
- **OTCnet Contacts:** <http://www.fms.treas.gov/otcnet/contacts.html>

Get to Know a Deployment Specialist: Rod de las Casas



Q: What is your favorite feature of OTCnet?

A: My favorite feature is being able to pull CIRA CSV reports by multiple categories, including ALC+2 and User Defined Fields (UDFs). This report allows

agencies to fulfill a wide variety of internal reporting and accountability objectives.

Q: What do you like the most about being a Deployment Specialist?

A: I have enjoyed being able to provide users with assistance and a greater understanding of the OTCnet system.

Q: What is a cool thing you recently learned about OTCnet?

A: I learned that you can scan thousands of checks in a single batch! That's such an incredible number and the fact that the system can handle so many checks in a single batch underscores the importance of the system and the level of support it provides.

Q: What is a helpful tip for OTCnet users?

A: The OTCnet Web-Based Training is an incredibly useful link on the OTCnet webpage. Users can find training modules narrowed down by their respective user role. This is a useful feature for any user interested in refreshing or improving their knowledge of the system. Many of the training modules include Printable Job Aids (PJA) that can provide useful instructions and tips for working with the application.

URL Change Reminder

As a reminder, we will be conducting a security update that will affect the way the website address for the OTCnet application login page is interpreted by your internet browser. Users may still access the OTCnet application by using the direct website address here: <https://otcnet.fms.treas.gov/>.

However, **if your agency accesses the OTCnet application through a bookmark, you will have to re-bookmark the page as soon as possible.** This is a one-time action and does not affect any other part of the application or any application functionality. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Treasury OTC Support Center at 866.945.7920 or via email at FMS.OTCChannel@citi.com.

ACTION REQUIRED: Update Email Address

Financial Management Service (FMS) and the Bureau of Public Debt (BPD) have merged to form the Bureau of the Fiscal Service. As a result, the **Bureau of the Fiscal Service has updated its email address structure from FMS (@fms.treas.gov) to Fiscal Service (@fiscal.treasury.gov)**. To ensure your agency has the most up-to-date OTCnet contact emails, **update to the Fiscal Service email address structure as soon as possible.**

Emails sent to the existing FMS email address will continue to be accepted. However, outgoing emails from the Bureau of the Fiscal Service will be delivered with the new email format. Notice will be provided to all users when the current FMS email address is no longer available.

Identify Domestic Checks vs. Foreign Checks

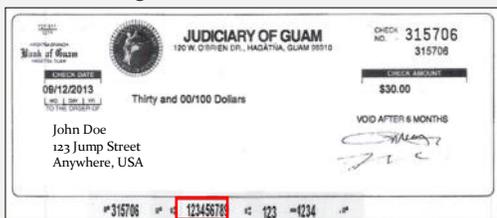
In OTCnet, Check Processing can process US domestic check items and Deposit Processing can process foreign currency and foreign check items. When processing a check in OTCnet, it is important to identify whether the check is a foreign or domestic check item. If you determine that the check item is a domestic check item (US Currency), you may use the OTCnet Check Processing function. However, if you determine that the check item is a foreign check item, you must use the OTCnet Deposit Processing function and create a foreign check deposit. For more information on Deposit Processing, please go to the Deposit a Foreign Check Item Printable Job Aid: http://www.fms.treas.gov/otcnet/training/wbt/content/lsn539HTML2004/M/sims/pja_create_dep_fci.pdf

Here are quick ways to determine whether or not the check is a domestic check item or a foreign check item:

A **domestic check** item may be issued by a foreign bank, but it will have **at least one** of the following attributes:

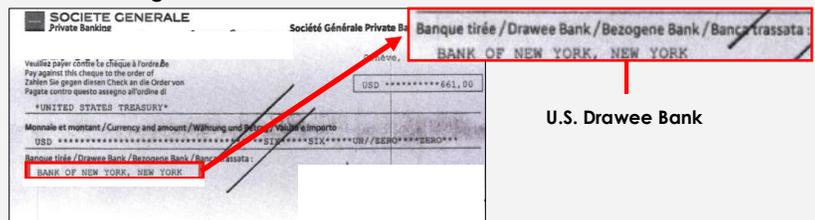
- A 9-digit routing number in the MICR line (see Figure 1)
- The name of a U.S. Bank on which the item is to be drawn (see Figure 2)

Figure 1. Domestic Check



Consecutive 9-Digit Routing Number

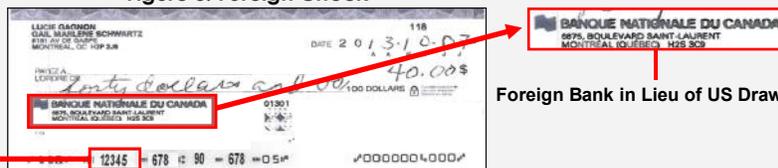
Figure 2. Domestic Check



U.S. Drawee Bank

A **foreign check** will not have the 9-digit routing number or the name of the U.S. Bank on which the item is drawn (see Figure 3).

Figure 3. Foreign Check



No Consecutive 9-Digit Routing Number

Foreign Bank in Lieu of US Drawee Bank

To ensure your ALC is set to process foreign currency for deposit reporting, you will need to set up a banking relationship with Bank of America to accept foreign currency and foreign checks, and add these to your deposit reporting setup in OTCnet. Please contact your Accounting Specialist to set up a banking relationship with Bank of America.

If you need assistance with these steps, please review the OTCnet Web Based training at: http://www.fms.treas.gov/otcnet/training/wbt/content/course_FMSOTC/index.htm or contact our Customer Support team at 866-945-7920.

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