



Re: Money Orders and Travellers' Cheques

Due to recent changes in the laws (the US Patriot Act and the Bank Secrecy Act), Travellers' Cheques and Money Orders in US dollars will not be accepted by Butterfield effective **1 March 2014**.

As they can be purchased for cash with no identification required, there has been increasing use of these instruments in fraudulent financial transactions, with the result that enhanced screening and handling protocols are required, which adds cost and time to their processing.

For your guidance:

- 1. Money Orders – Not Accepted after 28 February 2014**
 - a. Money orders are sold by institutions like the US Postal Service and Money Gram. They can be purchased for cash by anyone.
- 2. Travellers' Cheques – Not Accepted after 28 February 2014**
 - a. A Traveller's Cheque is a pre-printed, fixed amount cheque that can be used in place of hard currency. Travellers' cheques have historically been used by individuals who are travelling on vacation to foreign countries. They can be purchased for cash by anyone. The cheque is signed when it is purchased and then signed again when it is used for payment.
- 3. Certified Cheques and Bank Drafts – No Change – Will Be Accepted**
 - a. Butterfield will continue to accept certified cheques and Bank Drafts for deposit.
 - b. Drafts and certified cheques are only sold by financial institutions to their existing, known customers.
 - c. The customer must have an account to purchase a draft or have a cheque certified. The customer will have provided their bank with full KYC ("Know Your Customer") information when they opened the account.

Money Orders or Travellers' Cheques deposited or presented for cash after 28 February 2014 will not be accepted by Butterfield and will be returned to the customer.