

NPCI/2016-17/NACH/Circular No.219

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To

All NACH member banks

Migration of NACH Debit (156 file format) to ACH Debit (306 file format)

We refer to the following circulars

- i. DPSS.CO.EPPD/1058/04.01.004/2014-15 dated December 15, 2014 on on-boarding and migration of ECS suite to NACH
- ii. NPCI/2016-17/NACH/Circular no. 180 dated August 05, 2016 on migration of ECS(156 format) to ACH format

RBI mandated NPCI to migrate all transactions from ECS to NACH. In the process, NPCI migrated all the transactions based on "as is where is basis" for credit and debit. The migration of credit from ECS (156 file format) to ACH (306 file format) has been completed. Similarly for the debit transactions from NACH Debit (156 file format) to ACH Debit (306 file format) scheduled. The detailed road map for the migration is given below

Sl. No	Particulars	Target date
1	Completion of legacy mandate data upload into NACH	20-04-2017
2	Cooling period for the uploaded legacy mandates	30-04-2017
3	Wrong mandates identification and intimation to NPCI for cancellation by destination bank	10-05-2017
4	Cancellation of identified problematic mandates (if any) & Re-upload of the corrected mandates by sponsor bank	20-05-2017
5	Final cooling period	31-05-2017
6	Dispute resolution by NPCI	09-06-2017
7	Migration commencement on T+1 basis	10-06-2017
8	Final cut over to ACH debit	30-06-2017

Note: verification process at destination banks should be carried out immediately after receipt of the mandate data, cooling period should be used only for verification of mandate data uploaded in the last couple of days. No extension of time will be allowed.



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Process to be followed for the migration:

Sponsor bank:

1. Post the target date of the legacy mandate data upload, banks will not be allowed to upload the files, Sponsor Banks advised to prioritize the uploads with the appropriate checks and balances to ensure the quality of the data.
2. Sponsor Bank should get themselves be ready for the preparation of input files in ACH 306 format for the successfully migrated mandates.
3. In case of any valid disputes / concerns raised by the destination banks NPCI will shared with the sponsor bank for corrective action. The corrective action includes cancellation of mandates (wherever if required) and re-uploading the mandates with correct details.
4. For cancelled mandates, the re-upload is allowed till May 20, 2017.
5. In case if the issue raised by the destination bank is not valid then the sponsor bank can intimate NPCI along with valid supporting documents to avoid cancellation.

Destination bank:

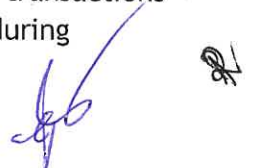
1. Checking correctness of the mandate data received and updating the same in the core banking solution (CBS).
2. Banks should be ready to accept transactions files in ACH debit (306 file format) for these records.
3. In case of any discrepancies found, banks should send a request for cancellation to NPCI as per the format enclosed in annexure I, within the stipulated cut-off time (provided in the table above).
4. The verification of records should happen on an ongoing basis, cooling period is only for verification of records uploaded in the last few days.
5. Discrepancies observed should be immediately brought to the notice of NPCI for corrective action. It is suggested that weekly consolidated data of discrepant mandates should be provided to NPCI as per the format.
6. Re-uploaded mandates, the destination banks should verify the data and complete the process before the final cooling period of May 31, 2017.
7. No additional time will be given beyond the time stipulated above.

Dispute resolution by NPCI:

If a mandate placed for cancelation second time and sponsor bank denies the cancellation, for such cases, banks may present it to NPCI on or before May 31, 2017. NPCI will communicate to the sponsor bank for verification and wherever required cancellation and re-upload.

Post migration of NACH debit (156) to ACH debit (156):

In case of any issues with the mandate data found post the migration of the transactions from NACH Debit (156) to ACH Debit (306), the cancellation process followed during

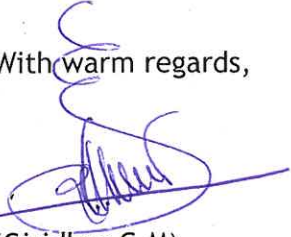



migration will remain the same. Destination banks cannot directly initiate the cancellation of files in MMS for legacy mandates.

Member banks are instructed to adhere to the above mentioned timelines for the migration process.

For any clarifications please write back to ach@npci.org.in

With warm regards,



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Annexure I:

Request for cancellation of legacy mandates:

Destination bank should submit the data for cancellation in the below format

S.No	UMRN	Sponsor Bank Code	Destination Bank Code	Utility Code	Reason for cancellation
1					
2					
3					

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