

VOLUME 5, APPENDIX A: “QUARTERLY VERIFICATION OF CASH AND OTHER ASSETS”

SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES

Changes are identified in this table and also denoted by [blue font](#).

Substantive revisions are denoted by an asterisk (*) symbol preceding the section, paragraph, table, or figure that includes the revision.

Unless otherwise noted, chapters referenced are contained in this volume.

Hyperlinks are denoted by [***bold, italic, blue, and underlined font***](#).

The previous version dated [July 2023](#) is archived.

PARAGRAPH	EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION	PURPOSE
All	Updated hyperlinks and formatting to comply with current administrative instructions.	Revision
2.1 and 2.2	Incorporated cash verification team appointment guidance from the archived version of Chapter 3 (Sep 2012) and renumbered accordingly.	Addition/ Revision

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APPENDIX A

QUARTERLY VERIFICATION OF CASH AND OTHER ASSETS

1.0 GENERAL

1.1 Overview

Chapter 3, subparagraph 3.2.1.1, requires that a cash verification team (CVT) conduct an unannounced verification of the cash and other assets under the accountability of the disbursing officer (DO) at least once during each calendar quarter. The CVT ensures the DO and all subordinate DDOs; cashiers; disbursing, paying, and collection agents; imprest fund cashiers; and change fund custodians are given neither formal nor informal advance notification of the intent to conduct the verification. Verification scheduling should be random to ensure it does not predictably fall during a particular period each quarter. Generally, it is not practical to verify cash on days involving unusually high volumes of disbursing transactions. The commander may omit a second quarterly cash verification if an audit of the DO's cash and assets has been conducted as a part of a transfer of accountability, or if other official audits verifying the accountability were conducted during the same quarter. The CVT must prepare a written statement for the commander's signature specifying the circumstances for omitting a cash verification.

1.2 Purpose

This appendix provides the requirements for appointing the CVT and a checklist for conducting a surprise verification of the cash and other assets under the accountability of the DO.

1.3 Authoritative Guidance

[Title 31, United States Code, section 3302](#) authorizes DOs to have custody of public funds for disbursement purposes and requires them to safeguard the funds.

2.0 CVT

*2.1 Approving Authorities

A commander, director, equivalent civilian head, or designee who has approved Cash Holding Authority (CHA) in accordance with Chapter 3, Paragraph 2.2 is also the appointing authority for a CVT. A commander approves CHA for the DO, and the DO approves CHA for subordinate DDOs, agents, and cashiers, with the total cash held by the DO and subordinates not exceeding the parent DO's CHA. DFAS DOs approve CHA for subordinate DDOs, agents, and cashiers, and when those individuals are located outside of the main DFAS disbursing office, the local activity commander must also approve the CHA amount requested based on having responsibility for safeguarding funds. In those cases, it is the local activity commander who appoints the CVT. For imprest and change funds, especially those held at installations or activities other than the installation or activity of the DO, the commander who authorized the establishment of the fund and appointed the imprest fund cashier or change fund custodian appoints the CVT.

*2.2 Appointing the CVT

The appointing authority shall appoint all team members in writing. Each team shall consist of at least two qualified personnel, except for small or remote locations where a one-person team is authorized. Small or remote locations may also consider appointing members from serviced or associated commands. Members of the CVT must be impartial in the operations and not in the DO's chain of command. It is in the best interest of a command to use the most competent personnel available. If possible, at least one member should be equal or senior in rank to the accountable official. Appoint qualified persons with appropriate security clearances to verify emergency and extraordinary expense funds.

2.3 Checklist

Use this checklist as a guide for the cash verification and to assist in preparing the official report of verification. 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 explains any deviations or omissions from the checklist in the official report.

2.3.1. The senior member of the CVT notifies the DO's immediate supervisor upon arrival to conduct the surprise verification of cash and other assets. The CVT presents a copy of the appointment memo, and with the 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 senior member of the verification team immediately notifies the commander.

2.3.2. Secure all accessible vaults, safes, security containers, and cash drawers housing cash or other assets holding DO cash accountability. Inventory the cash and other assets by actual count in the presence of the person accountable for their safekeeping.

2.3.3. Require the DO to prepare a [DoD \(DD\) Form 2657](#), Daily Statement of Accountability, for that day's close of business and validate amounts reported for items due the U.S. Government that are included in the balance. It is also required that the custodian of public funds prepares a DD 2665, Daily Agent Accountability Summary.

2.3.4. No custodian of public funds may conduct further business until the CVT has completed the count of that custodian's funds. Normally, the duty cashier's funds are verified first to minimize the impact on disbursing operations. Compare amounts of cash held at personal risk by the DO and their agents to the authorization to hold such cash as indicated by the approved CHA (see Chapter 3, section 2.0).

2.3.5. 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 CVT 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 describes any limits to the verification in the report.

2.3.6. Commence the actual count of currency and other assets in the presence of the accountable individual.

2.3.6.1. Cash

2.3.6.1.1. Count all currency and coin;

2.3.6.1.2. Count all items representing cash, including exchange-for-cash checks;

2.3.6.1.3. Count all negotiable instruments representing cash held by the DO awaiting deposit; and

2.3.6.1.4. Verify that cash and receipts held by agents in the disbursing office equal the receipts signed by those agents and held by the DO.

2.3.6.2. Other Assets

2.3.6.2.1. Review and total all receipts for cash held by agents of the DO located outside the disbursing office;

2.3.6.2.2. Review and total deposit transactions via Over-the-Counter Channel Application and confirm deposit transactions utilizing the Collections Information Repository (see Chapter 11, section 11.0);

2.3.6.2.3. Review the debit voucher and associated dishonored checks; require the DO to initiate collection action;

2.3.6.2.4. Review exchange-for-cash checks in transit (see Chapter 7, section 7.0);

2.3.6.2.5. Review Financial Management Service Form 5206, Advice of Check Issue Discrepancy, representing overdrafts and underdrafts (see Chapter 7, section 8.3);

2.3.6.2.6. Review actions on previously reported losses of funds;

2.3.6.2.7. Verify bank statements and balances of foreign currency held in limited depositary checking accounts (see Chapter 14, paragraphs 3.9 and 3.10); and

2.3.6.2.8. Verify the amount of foreign currency by actual count against the subsidiary records and the foreign currency reports.

2.3.7. Immediately after verifying the DO's cash accountability, the CVT verifies all safekeeping deposits and the postal stamp funds (if applicable) with procedures provided in Chapter 16, paragraph 4.2.

2.3.8. The CVT verifies the 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 any receipts for cash advanced by the imprest fund cashier more than five days old if not redeemed before the report is issued, and document on the cash verification report. Change fund custodians must certify in writing that their funds are present 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 includes personal checks from the cashier/custodian, any of their supervisors, or the individual charged with accountability for the funds (see Chapter 2, paragraphs 7.6 and 7.7).

2.3.9. Review all vouchers supporting gains and deficiencies on foreign currency transactions (see Chapter 13, paragraph 4.2).

2.3.10. Review the DO's compliance with the provisions for cashing personal checks and the collection of dishonored checks (see Chapter 4, section 3.0).

2.3.11. 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, section 4.0).

2.3.12. Review previous cash verification reports to ensure that repeat deficiencies being reported in the current cash verification report are noted as significant and advise the commander of the action necessary to remedy the deficiencies of the DO.

2.3.13. Review maintenance of the DD 2658, Returned and Undeliverable Check/Bond Record, or automated system if used, to ensure that no undelivered checks are missing, none exceeds the time limit to be held, and all are properly safeguarded (see Chapter 7, paragraph 10.3).

2.3.14. Verify all undeposited checks in relation to the prescribed frequency and timeliness of deposits (see Chapter 11, subparagraph 8.3.1.1).

2.3.15. 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 checks received in accommodation exchange transactions.

2.3.16. Verify that the DO deposits receipts daily. If daily deposits of less than \$5,000 are impractical, verify that receipts are accumulated until the total reaches \$5,000 and then deposited. Also, verify that deposits are made by Thursday of each week, regardless of the amount accumulated (see Chapter 11, subparagraph 8.3.1.1).

2.3.17. Compare military payroll vouchers and money lists with related pay accounts to ensure payments are posted to the member's account.

2.3.18. Review the cash held at personal risk is commensurate with needs and in compliance with the authorized CHA (see Chapter 3, section 2.0).

2.3.19. Verify safekeeping deposits, postal funds, postage stamp stock, and postal money order stock (see Chapter 16, paragraph 4.2).

2.3.20. Inventory and verify the safekeeping of all smart cards (see Chapter 10, paragraphs 2.9 and 2.12).

2.3.21. Inventory all blank checks (both working and bulk stock), and examine all voided and spoiled checks pending local destruction to ensure they are properly defaced and stored in authorized containers. Where roll stock of blank checks is used, conduct the inventory by recording the ending number from the reels rather than unrolling the reel, which could destroy the stock.

2.3.22. Finalization

2.3.22.1. Verify totals from the reviews with the amounts reported on the DD 2657.

2.3.22.2. Advise the DO of any discrepancies or deficiencies noted.

2.3.22.3. Notify the DO's immediate superior and the commander of any deficiencies and advise them that a written report will be prepared.

2.3.22.4. Sign and certify the results of the cash verification on the DD 2657 or a paper attached to the DD 2657. Results must be signed by all members of the CVT.

2.3.22.5. Insert the following statement on (or attach to) the DD 2657 and ensure it is signed by the senior member of the CVT.

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

Signature and Rank of Verifying Official

2.3.22.6. Distribute the cash verification report as directed in paragraph 2.4.

2.4 Report of Verification

The CVT reports all findings in writing to the appointing official immediately upon 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 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. The senior member of the CVT maintains a copy of the report as a permanent part of the CVT's records. Include the following in the report:

2.4.1. The date the verification was conducted;

2.4.2. The date of the preceding verification;

2.4.3. Statement as to whether or not the DO complies with the safekeeping requirements (see Chapter 3, section 3.0);

2.4.4. 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 2657 cash and other asset totals;

2.4.5. A list of undeposited checks containing a description of those not handled;

2.4.6. 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

2.4.7. A statement as to whether or not safekeeping deposits amounts verified agreed with safekeeping deposit records.