



SECTION 214 – ENDORSEMENT OF CHECKS

a. One endorsement

1. If a check has only one endorsement, the collecting bank is responsible to the drawee bank (which is making the payment) that the check is deposited in an account at the collecting bank that bears the name which is expected to be that of the redeemer.
2. Notwithstanding what is stated in Section 206 above, in the case that a check with only one endorsement is deposited at the collecting bank and not into the account that bears the name which is expected to be that of the redeemer, the drawee bank will have the right to return it within 60 days of the day on which the check was presented to him at the Clearing House.

b. Lack of endorsement

1. A check that is missing the endorsement of the redeemer will be redeemable by the drawee if it bears a stamp containing the name of the presenter underneath the words “Account of the redeemer has been credited” and this applies to the endorser in the last special endorsement. The presenter will be responsible for the crediting of the account of the redeemer or the endorser.
2. If the check bears wording, either on the front or on the back, that it has been received, the approval of the presenter for the crediting of the redeemer’s account will not be sufficient and the signature of the redeemer himself will be required underneath the wording that it has been received unless the redeemer of the check is the bank that presented it.

c. “Credit account in bank X”

In the case that a check bears an endorsement or a special cross with the addition of the words “Credit account at bank X”, then the stamp of that bank will be sufficient and there is no need for the confirmation that he has credited the account.

d. Endorsement or special cross to a particular bank

If a check bears an endorsement or special cross, on the front or the back, to some particular bank, no other bank has the right to collect it, unless as a collection agent of the bank to which the check has been endorsed or crossed.

e. Endorsement of an individual who cannot write

An individual who is unable to write and who presents a check for redemption will endorse it with his fingerprint on the back of the check. The bank collecting such a check will add the name of the endorser and will obtain the signature of a witness to the fingerprint. A bank clerk can serve as a witness.