COMMERCIAL BANKING

BULK CHEQUE PROCESSING SERVICE

Terms and Conditions



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1. Introduction

- 1.1 These Terms and Conditions set out Your rights and obligations in connection with Your use of the Service. These Terms and Conditions are legally binding so You should read them carefully before You agree to them.
- 1.2 These Terms and Conditions replace all earlier Terms and Conditions relating to the provision of the Service and are in addition to the terms and conditions that apply to Your accounts with Us and the banking services that We provide.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict, these **Terms and Conditions** will prevail.
- 1.4 You must ensure that all users of the Service within Your organisation comply with the Terms and Conditions.

2. Definitions

2.1 To help Your understanding of words or phrases used in these Terms and Conditions, We include the following definitions for Your assistance

Bank means Lloyds Bank plc.

BGC means bank giro credit form from a UK clearing bank or UK building society.

Bundle means a bundle of up to 250 **Cheques** accompanied by a **BGC** and associated add listing.

Business Day means a day (excluding Saturday and Sunday) on which banks are generally open for business in England.

Charges means the applicable charges for the **Service** payable by **You** to **Us** and referred to in clause 17.

Cheques means for the purpose of the **Service**, the following provided that they are payable in sterling and drawn on a UK clearing bank or UK building society:

- i. Cheques, Travellers Cheques and Bankers Drafts;
- ii. Government Payable Orders and Warrants issued by HM Paymaster General; and
- iii. UK Postal Orders.

Clearing Centre means the premises, nominated by **Us**, at which **Your Cheques** and **BGCs** will be processed.

Confidential Information means, in relation to either party ("the Disclosing Party"), any information relating to the Disclosing Party's operations, processes, plans, intentions, product information, know-how, design rights, trade secrets, software, market opportunities, customers, customer details and business affairs, but excludes any information which the party in receipt of the information ("the Receiving Party") can reasonably prove:

 i. was already known to it prior to its receipt from the Disclosing Party;

- ii. was subsequently disclosed to it lawfully by a third party who did not obtain it (whether directly or indirectly) from the Disclosing Party;
- iii. was in the public domain at the time of receipt by the Receiving Party or subsequently entered into the public domain other than by breach of the Bulk Agreement or breach of any obligation of confidence owed by the Receiving Party or its agent to the Disclosing Party; or
- iv. is trivial or obvious.

Customer Identification Ticket means the ticket supplied by **Us** and completed by **You** when preparing **Cheques** for collection.

Customer Preparation Checklist means the checklist provided by **Us** to **You** detailing the way that **Cheques** and **BGCs** should be presented into the **Clearing Centre**.

DX Mail Service means the DX business mail network, which can be used to as an alternative to a BSIA approved **Security Company**, contracted by **You** (and acting solely on **Your** behalf) to transport the **Cheques** from **You** and deliver to the **Clearing Centre**.

DPA means the Data Protection Act 1998.

GDPR means Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation).

Intellectual Property Rights means all intellectual and industrial property rights of any kind whatsoever relating to the Service, including patents, supplementary protection certificates, rights in know-how, registered trademark, registered designs, models, unregistered design rights, unregistered trade marks rights to prevent passing off or unfair competition and copyright (whether in drawings, plans, specifications, designs and computer software or otherwise), database rights, topography rights, any rights in any intervention, discovery or process, and applications for and rights to apply for any of the foregoing, in each case, in all countries in the world and together with all renewals, extensions, continuations, divisions, reissues, reexaminations and substitutions.

Instruction Materials means all documents, information and other materials provided or made available to **You** at any time by or on behalf of the **Bank** in connection with the implementation and operation of the **Service**, including, without limitation:

- guidance in hard copy form (for example a user checklist or by letter);
- ii. spoken guidance; and
- iii. any updates of any of the above items.

Lloyds Banking Group means Lloyds Banking Group plc registered in Scotland with company number SCO95000 and any of its subsidiaries from time to time.

Security Company means the security company approved by the British Security Industry Association ("BSIA"), and/or DX Mail Service and contracted by You (and acting solely on Your behalf) to transport the Cheques from You and deliver to the Clearing Centre.

Service means the Bulk Cheque Processing Service provided pursuant to these **Terms and Conditions**.

Terms and Conditions means the terms and conditions in relation to **Your** use of the **Service**, as set out in this document, and the other documents referred to in it (including, without limitation, the **Instruction Materials**).

Us means the **Bank** including its subcontractors and "**We**" and "**Our**" shall be interpreted accordingly.

Voucher Image means an electronic image, front and back, of the **Cheques** and **BGCs**, captured during processing.

Voucher Imaging means the process that enables images of **Cheques** and **BGCs** to be exchanged between banks and building societies, through the Image Clearing System, for clearing and payment.

You/Your means the organisation which is a client of the **Bank** and which becomes registered with **Us** for the use of the **Service**.

2.2 In these **Terms and Conditions**:

- 2.2.1 when **We** refer to a statute or a statutory provision, this includes any subordinate legislation made under it or any modifications, amendments, extensions, consolidations, re-enactments and/or replacements of that statute, statutory provision and/or subordinate legislation which are in force from time to time.
- 2.2.2 any references to the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- 2.2.3 any references that **We** make to any gender include every gender;
- 2.2.4 any reference to a time of day are to UK time;
- 2.2.5 any words following the words includes, including, in particular or any similar words or expressions are for illustration or emphasis only and are not intended to limit the meaning of words that preclude them; and
- 2.2.6 any references to a "party" or to the "parties" means **You**/and or **Us** as the context requires.

3. Your relationship with Us

The **Terms and Conditions** will commence on the date that **You** sign the application form relating to the **Service** and will continue until **You** or **We** end it.

4. Our obligations

- 4.1 We will act as Your clearing agent for the purpose of conducting the collection of English, Welsh, Scottish and Northern Irish Cheques in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.
- 4.2 When We are providing the Service to You, We will use reasonable care and skill and take reasonable steps to ensure that no Cheques are lost or damaged or destroyed whilst in Our actual physical possession and/or control.
- 4.3 **We** will perform **Our** obligations under the **Terms** and **Conditions**, provided that it will not put **Us** in breach of any applicable law, agreement with a third party or regulation by doing so.

5. Your obligations and use of the Service

- You will, and will procure that all **Service** users will:
 - 5.1.1 comply with the **Terms and Conditions**;
 - 5.1.2 have and maintain all necessary licenses, permits, registrations, consents and authorisations required by applicable laws and regulations to perform **Your** obligations and exercise **Your** rights under the **Terms** and **Conditions**;
 - 5.1.3 comply with any applicable security procedures including procedures advised by **Us** to **You**;
 - 5.1.4 provide **Us** with all necessary co-operation and give **Us** access to all necessary information so that **We** are able to make the **Service** available to **You**.
- 5.2 **You** will not, and will procure that all **Service** users will not, use the **Service** in a way or for a purpose not authorised or intended by **Us**.

6. Warranties and undertakings

- 6.1 **You** warrant and represent to **Us** at all times that:
- 6.2 **You** have full capacity and authority to enter into and perform the **Terms and Conditions**;
- 6.3 any personal and other data provided by You (or by anyone on Your behalf) to Us is properly and accurately maintained, complete, up to date and not misleading in any respect.

7. Changes to these Terms and Conditions

- 7.1 **We** may make changes to the **Terms and Conditions** at any time for any reason. For example, typically (but not exclusively) **We** may make changes to comply with changes to the law, rectifying errors, improve security, changes the scope of services provided or take account of reorganisations within the Group.
- 7.2 If **We** intend to make changes to these **Terms**and **Conditions**, **We** will give **You** at least 2
 months' written notice before the changes
 come into effect unless the changes required
 are due to a change in the relevant legislation
 or regulations and **We** are prevented from
 giving **You** two months' written notice. In those
 circumstances, **We** will give **You** as much written
 notice as possible.
- We will notify You of changes to these Terms and Conditions by post, by email, through any online service which You receive from Us, or in any other way that We have agreed with You. In the notice, We may direct You to Our Website if the most recent Terms and Conditions are posted there. During the period before the change comes into effect, You may reject the change, provided that You notify Us in writing. In such circumstances, Your notice of the rejection of the change will be deemed to be a notice that You wish to stop receiving the **Service** and the **Service** will terminate immediately. You will not incur any additional **Charges** as a result of choosing this course of action. If You do not notify Us before a change comes into effect, We will treat You as if You have accepted the relevant change.

8. Data protection

- 8.1 The **Bank** and **You** shall at all times comply with the **DPA** and any other applicable regulations or legislation, and in particular with the data protection principles set out in the **DPA** and the **GDPR**.
- Where personal data is provided or disclosed by **You** to **Us** or the Cheque and Credit Clearing Company, **You** will ensure that all necessary consents have been obtained from the persons to whom the data relates, or that there is lawful basis for disclosing the information, and that the purpose of the data processed is understood, allowing **Us** and **Our** data processors to receive such personal data and to use and process it in order to provide the **Service** to **You**.

9. Confidential Information

9.1 **We** and **You** will:

- 9.1.1 keep **Confidential Information** secret and only disclose it in the manner and to the extent expressly permitted by the **Terms** and **Conditions** or otherwise permitted as permitted by the terms of disclosure; and
- 9.1.2 use the **Confidential Information** only to the extent necessary for the performance of the obligations under the **Terms** and **Conditions**.
- We and other members of the Group may use, retain and disclose Confidential Information about You to the extent required to meet compliance obligations and internal policies or procedures, maintain Your relationship with the Group, enforce or defend Our rights or those of a member of the Group, and prevent or detect crime.

9.3 **We** and **You** may disclose **Confidential Information**:

- 9.3.1 to such officers and employees, and in

 Our case, agents and subcontractors, who may need access to that Confidential Information for the purpose of complying with Our obligations and the Terms and Conditions and, in such circumstances, You or We (as applicable) will take all necessary steps to ensure that any person to whom Confidential Information is disclosed will comply with this clause 9.
- 9.3.2 to such auditors and professional advisors who need access to that **Confidential**Information, and, in such circumstances,
 You or We (as applicable) will take all necessary steps to ensure that any person to whom **Confidential Information** is disclosed will comply with this clause 9.
- 9.3.3 to the extent required by applicable law or a court of competent jurisdiction or a regulatory authority or the rules of any listing authority, stock exchange or the panel on takeovers and mergers or any successor body.

10. Intellectual Property Rights

10.1 All right, title and interest in **Our Intellectual Property Rights** will at all times remain vested in **Us** and **Our** licensors.

11. Liability and indemnity

- 11.1 All warranties, conditions and other terms implied by statute or common law are expressly excluded from these **Terms and Conditions** to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 11.2 Subject to clause 11.5, **Our** total liability to **You** arising out of connection with the **Terms and Conditions** or otherwise arising out of or

 connected to the provision of or use of the **Service**in any period of 12 months (or such lesser period
 as the **Terms and Conditions** have been in force)
 up to the date when the liability was incurred,
 whether in contract, tort, delict or otherwise, in
 each case howsoever caused including if caused
 by negligence, shall not exceed:
 - 11.2.1 the amount (if any) necessary to reimburse

 You in respect of any transaction required by law; and
 - 11.2.2 the amount of the fees paid by **You** for the **Service** in respect of that period or the sum of £5,000 whichever shall be the greater.
- 11.3 Subject to clause 11.5, **We** will have no responsibility to **You** arising out of, or in connection with the **Terms and Conditions**, howsoever caused including if caused by negligence for any direct, indirect or consequential;
 - 11.3.1 loss of profit;
 - 11.3.2 loss of revenue, loss of production or loss of business;
 - 11.3.3 loss of goodwill, loss of reputation or loss of opportunity;
 - 11.3.4 claims made against **You** by third parties; or
 - 11.3.5 indirect, incidental, consequential or special or punitive loss and other non direct damages of any kind or character.
- 11.4 Subject to clause 11.5, We will have no liability to You arising out of or in connection with the Terms and Conditions, whether in contract, tort, negligence, delict or any other way including in connection with Your use of, access to or reliance on the Service.
- 11.5 Nothing in these **Terms and Conditions** excludes or limits **Our** responsibility in any way for:
 - 11.5.1 death or personal injury which is caused by **Our** negligence or the negligence of **Our** employees, agents or subcontractors;
 - 11.5.2 **Our** fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation, or the fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation of **Our** employees, agents or subcontractors; or

- 11.5.3 any other matter for which **We** cannot exclude or limit **Our** responsibility for.
- Subject to any terms implied by law or by the rules of any regulatory body which cannot be excluded and except where **We** have liability under another part of the **Terms and Conditions**, **We** will not be liable in tort, negligence, delict or in any other way for:
 - 11.6.1 fraud by You; or
 - 11.6.2 any failure by **You** to use or to ensure that the use of the **Service** is in accordance with the **Terms and Conditions** and any other instrument provided by **Us** from time to time.
- 11.7 You will indemnify Us for all losses, damages, liability, claims, expenses or costs (and, where applicable, value added tax) (howsoever caused, including if caused by negligence) which We may incur or suffer arising, directly or indirectly, from any access or use by You (and/or any user of the Service) of the Service and/or any breach of the Terms and Conditions by You and/or any user of the Service.

12. The Service

- 12.1 The features and operation procedures of the **Service** are set out here, in clause 13 and in the **Customer Preparation Checklist**.
- 12.2 We shall perform the Service with reasonable skill and care and take reasonable steps to ensure that no Cheques are lost, damaged or destroyed whilst in Our actual physical possession and/or control.
- 12.3 You are required to enter into a separate contract with a Security Company for deliveries into the Clearing Centre. We understand that there are arrangements in place between You and the Security Company, contracted by You and acting solely on Your behalf, for the collection and delivery of Cheques to Us for credit to Your account(s) with Us.
- 12.4 Until receipt by **Us** of written notice from You to the contrary, **We** will accept from the Security Company such separate sealed Bundles of Cheques (together with the relevant documentation) as the Security Company may deliver from time to time to the Clearing Centre nominated by **Us**. **We** reserve the right to nominate another Clearing Centre at Our absolute discretion from time to time and will not be responsible for any costs incurred as a result of this change.

- 12.5 **You** acknowledge that **We** are acting as **Your** agent in the collection of **Cheques** and **We** shall (save to the extent that **We** are negligent) have a right of indemnity against **You** in respect of claims by third parties against **Us** for conversion of **Cheques** or for money had and received in addition to the indemnity set out in clause 11.7.
- 12.6 **We** undertake to use reasonable endeavours to process all **Cheques** received by **Us** within the proposed timescales set out in these **Terms** and **Conditions**.
- 12.7 The Service is designed for UK sterling Cheques. The Service is not designed for cash, electronic vouchers, foreign cheques, drafts, non UK Payment Orders and other non-clearing items and these are not provided for under these Terms and Conditions.
- 12.8 **You** can add additional accounts to the **Service**, via **Your** relationship manager or relationship team. **Charges** will be collected from the original nominated account. If **You** require the charge to be taken from a different account **You** will need to complete a separate application form for the **Service**.

13. Operations procedure

Business Day 1

- 13.1 The Client stated in the application form for the Service (or a third party acting on Your behalf) receives and processes Cheques in accordance with Our procedures.
- 13.2 **You** are responsible for ensuring that the **Cheques** are valid and complete in all respects and are properly payable to **You**. **You** acknowledge that **We** will only seek to reconcile the **Cheques** amount in accordance with paragraph 13.10.
- 13.3 You shall maintain an audit trail and capture full codeline details of each Cheque to be processed, by whatever means available to You. The audit trail shall be retained by You for a period of not less than six months.
- 13.4 Cheques must be prepared by You in Bundles of no more than 250 items. Each Bundle must be accompanied by a fully completed BGC and an add listing, as specified in the Customer Preparation Checklist.

- 13.5 The Cheques, add listings and BGCs must then be placed by You in the designated delivery packaging on which Your name and the date of remittance are clearly visible. A Customer Identification Ticket must be completed for, and placed in, each bag submitted. We will supply Customer Identification Tickets and BGCs when requested to do so by You and providing that such requests are reasonable in relation to anticipated usage.
- 13.6 Cheques which are received and accepted at the Clearing Centre by 19.30 on any Business Day will be processed on the same Business Day. Any Cheque(s) which We are not able to process e.g. non clearing or damaged items, will be advised to You by letter the next Business Day after processing. Failure to prepare Bundles correctly may result in a delay in processing or Bundles to be returned to You for repair and re-submission.
- 13.7 Any deliveries which are received after 19:30 will be processed on the next **Business Day** after receipt.
- We will not be responsible and no risk will pass to Us in respect of any Cheques and/or credit slips until they have been delivered to and accepted by the Clearing Centre.
- 13.9 **We** shall notify **You** by telephone of any delivery(ies) which has/have been damaged to an extent where **We** feel that the contents could have been interfered with and **We** identify any discrepancy(ies), as soon as is practical after such damaged delivery(ies) is/are received and accepted from the **Security Company. We** shall also forward full written details to **You** no later than 3 **Business Days** after the date the damaged delivery(ies) is/are received.
- are opened and prepared for processing.

 Reasonable attempts will be made to reconcile any discrepancies by checking items against the add listing and BGCs. We will notify you by letter of any alterations made to the BGCs where the discrepancy is £10 and over.

Business Day 2

- 13.11 Funds will be available for withdrawal by 23.59 on this **Business Day** (subject to post payment fraud measures). Until this time **Cheques** may be returned unpaid.
- 13.12 Any returned **Cheques** will be automatically debited from the account stated in the crediting details section of the application form for the **Service. You** will be notified by letter which will include a **Voucher Image** of the **Cheque** and the reason for its return.
- 13.13 **Voucher Images** will be retained, by **Us** for a period of 10 years. Original paper items will be destroyed after 15 **Business Days**.

14. Availability of the Service

- 14.1 **We** give no warranty (express or implied) that the availability of the **Service** will be uninterrupted or error free.
- 14.2 The **Service** may be unavailable due to issues at **Our Clearing Centre** or due to circumstances beyond **Our** control.

15. Suspension, withdrawal or termination

- 15.1 These **Terms and Conditions** shall continue until termination in accordance with the provisions of this clause 15.
- 15.2 **We** may terminate this agreement:
 - 15.2.1 on two months' written notice to You; or
 - 15.2.2 with immediate effect in any of the following circumstances:
 - a. where, in **Our** opinion, **You** are in breach of any of these **Terms and Conditions** or any other arrangement with **Us**; or
 - b. where **You** give one months' written notice to **Us** that **You** want to terminate the agreement; or
 - c. where;
 - You become unable to pay Your debts within the meaning section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or any amendment to or re-enactment of such legislation;
 - ii. a resolution is passed or a petition is presented for **Your** winding up; or
 - iii. **You** compound with or enter into any arrangements with creditors; or

- iv. a receiver or administrator is appointed over You or any of Your property or assets or an administration application is presented or made for the making of an administration application order or a notice of intention to appoint an administrator is issued or a notice of appointment of an administrator is filed with the court; or
- v. You are dissolved or become bankrupt; or
- vi. any action is taken in any jurisdiction which is similar or analogous to any of the events set out in this clause 15.2.2(c).
- d. You fail to maintain an account with the Bank.
- 15.3 **We** may suspend the **Service** provided to **You** at any time if the Cheque and Credit Clearing Company suspends the service provided to **Us** or where **We** consider there are reasonable grounds to suspect a compromise of the **Service** or in order to protect the security, reputation or integrity of the **Service**.
- 15.4 For the avoidance of doubt, **You** must stop using the **Service** where it has been terminated, withdrawn or suspended.
- 15.5 If **You** terminate the **Service**, stop receiving the **Service** or **We** stop providing **You** with the **Service**:
 - 15.5.1 **You** will still be responsible for any amount which **You** owe to **Us** (whether such amount is incurred before or after closure) and such amounts will be immediately payable and due; and
 - 15.5.2 You and Our accrued rights, and the continuation of any term of the Terms and Conditions which is expressly stated or implicitly intended to apply after the Service is closed, will not be affected or prejudiced.
- 15.6 On termination of the **Terms and Conditions**, clauses 1, 2, 8, 9, 11 and 12.6 together with any other clauses which expressly or impliedly continue to have effect after termination, will continue in full force and effect.

16. Contacting each other

- 16.1 **We** may contact **You** by post, telephone and electronically using the latest details supplied to **Us**.
- 16.2 You can contact Us through Your relationship team by using the contact details given to You when You applied for the Service, or by such other contact methods as We may from time to time advise You.
- 16.3 **We** will update **You** in writing of any changes to contact details or procedures.
- 16.4 Contact for missing work or incorrect credit received: iPSL Research & Adjustment Team on **0345 1650414, Option 2.**
- 16.5 Contact for stationery: Bulk Stationery
 Team on **01634 642456** or via email at
 corp.bulkstationery@lloydsbanking.com

17. Charges

- Charges will apply to Your use of the Service monthly in arrears. You will find details of these Charges in the Bulk Cheque Processing Service Charges Schedule, or as otherwise agreed in writing with Your relationship team You can ask Your relationship manager for a copy of the Charges at any time.
- 17.2 If **We** increase or introduce a new **Charge We** will give **You** notice in accordance with clause 7.
- 17.3 We may debit those fees and Charges from Your nominated current account or as agreed from time to time.

18. Validity of these Terms and Conditions

18.1 **We** have made every attempt to ensure the fairness of these **Terms and Conditions**. If any part proves not to be legally valid because it is unfair, it will not affect the rest and **We** are entitled to treat that term as changed in a way that makes it fair and valid.

19. Assignment and third party rights

19.1 We may transfer any and all of Our rights and duties under these Terms and Conditions.
Save as provided otherwise in these Terms and Conditions, a person who is not a party to these Terms and Conditions shall have no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any provision of these Terms and Conditions.

20. Governing law

20.1 These Terms and Conditions (and any non contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with these Terms and Conditions with You) shall be governed by English Law and You submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts in settling any dispute relating to or in connections with these Terms and Conditions (including any non contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with these Terms and Conditions).

Our service promise

If you experience a problem, we will always try to resolve it as quickly as possible. Please bring it to the attention of any member of staff. Our complaints procedures are published at **lloydsbank.com/commercialbanking/contactus**

I'd like to talk about our business

Go to lloydsbank.com/business

Call us on 0345 072 5555

Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 2pm Saturdays

Please contact us if you'd like this information in an alternative format such as Braille, large print or audio.

If you have a hearing or speech impairment you can use the Next Generation Text (NGT) Service (previously Text Relay/ Typetalk) or if you would prefer to use a Textphone, please feel free to call us on 0345 601 6909 (lines open 7am-8pm, Monday to Friday and 9am-2pm Saturday).

Important information

Calls may be monitored or recorded in case we need to check we have carried out your instructions correctly and to help improve our quality of service.

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