

exchange amount. The “collection” fees are paid by DCSS and not deducted from the payment.

The fees foreign banks charge for the “collection” process can vary substantially and may be in excess of 150 U.S. dollars. When the fees exceed the value of the foreign item payment, the foreign bank does not process the payment. The payment is deemed non-negotiable and returned to the remitter with a notice indicating the return reason. The DCSS Financial & Data Exceptions Unit makes a notation in the participant’s combined activity log that a payment designated as “collections” is received at the SDU. Another notation is made if the “collection” effort is unsuccessful. LCSAs may access the notes to determine the payment processing status.

Foreign Items in Currencies Not Exchanging with the U.S.

Foreign checks/drafts received in currencies or types not currently exchanging with the U.S. are deemed non-negotiable, and returned to the NCP with a notice indicating the return reason. When a non-negotiable foreign payment is received at the SDU, the DCSS Financial & Data Exceptions Unit makes a notation to that effect in the participant’s combined activity log. LCSAs may access the notes to determine if a foreign item payment is returned due to the currency or type.

If you have any questions regarding payments from foreign countries, please contact the Accounting Services Branch at (916) 464-2627 or email the Banking Systems & Exceptions Unit at DCSSASBanking&SystemExceptionUnit@dcss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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