

NPCI/2022-23/AEPS/042

27th Oct 2022

To.

All Member of Aadhaar Enabled Payments System (AePS)

Madam/ Dear Sir,

Sub: <u>Implementation of fraud chargeback in AePS ARCS System w.e.f. 1st November 2022</u>

We refer to the operating circular vide reference no. **NPCI/2021-22/RMD/004** dated 1st Sep, 2021 wherein the process for handle the fraud chargebacks for AePS fraudulent transactions has been defined.

We wish to submit that we have now automated fraud chargeback process in AePS ARCS back office. After implementing the said automated fraud chargeback mechanism in ARCS, NPCI shall discontinue the existing manual process which was carried out through emails. Refer Annexure-1 for process flow and details set for handling the fraud chargebacks.

Members are requested to note the following key features of the Guideline:

- The Guidelines will be applicable for all financial transactions in AePS (Viz., Cash withdrawal, Cash Deposit, Funds transfer and BHIM Aadhaar) involving Business Correspondents (BC), BC agents, Customer Service Points (CSP) etc.
- 2. Every fraud chargeback should be reported in NPCI's EFRM portal and Banks should include the Case ID generated therein while raising fraud chargeback in ARCS Portal.
- Member banks are requested to use ARCS portal for raising fraud chargeback effective from 1st November 2022 and with effect from this date, the manual process over emails will be discontinued.
- 4. NPCI's role will be limited to handling cases raised to arbitration of any issues (raised by the aggrieved party) in the last stage of fraud chargeback lifecycle.
- 5. Member bank can raise fraud chargeback within 60 calendar days from date of transaction.
- If the bank does not submit responses within TAT in their respective stages, the case would be considered as deemed accepted and closed in favor of the other party.
- Maker/ Checker is mandatory for raising, accepting and rejecting fraud chargeback/ good faith chargeback
- 8. ARCS allow to raise fraud chargeback both through front end and bulk upload mode.
- Once the fraud charge back is raised, the Acquirer is debited & Issuer is credited immediately. However, Issuers are advised to hold the credit and post it to the customer only after the final closure of the Fraud Liability shift chargeback process.

Member Banks are requested to take note of above and disseminate the information contained herein to all the stakeholder concerned.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosed: Annexure-1 Process flow and procedures for handling AePS fraud chargebacks.

ANNEXURE-1

Qualifying Criteria for Fraud Reporting:

The criteria for reporting a fraud transaction under this guideline is detailed below:

- 1) Issuer banks shall report only off-us transactions under this guideline.
- 2) Declined transactions are not eligible for reporting as fraud transactions.
- Transactions raised as dispute chargebacks cannot be raised under Fraud Chargeback and vice versa

PROCESS FLOW AND PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING AEPS FRAUD CHARGEBACKS IN ARCS

Disputes type, TATs & Dispute Flags:

Adjustment Type	Raised by	TAT Period	Dispute Flag
Fraud Chargeback	ISSUER	60 days	FC
Fraud Chargeback Accept	ACQUIRER	15 days	FCA
Fraud Chargeback Re-presentment	ACQUIRER	15 days	FCR
Fraud Complaint Re-raise Accept	ACQUIRER	03 days	FCPA
Fraud Complaint Re-raise Reject	ACQUIRER	03 days	FCPR
Fraud Compliance	ISSUER	05 days	FCP
Fraud Compliance Check	NPCI	05 days	FCC
Good Faith Fraud Chargeback	ISSUER	60 days from expiry of FC TAT	GC
Good Faith Fraud Chargeback Accept	ACQUIRER	15 days	GFA
Good Faith Fraud Chargeback Reject	ACQUIRER	15 days	GFR

Dispute Type	Txn Type	Dispute Flag	RC	Previous Stage	TAT	Raised By
Fraud Chargeback	04,32,01, FC, 25	FC	00	-	60 days	Issuer
Fraud Chargeback Accept	04,32,01, FC, 25	FCA	00	Fraud Chargeback	15 days	Acquirer
Fraud Chargeback Re-presentment (Reject)	04,32,01, FC, 25	FCR	00	Fraud Chargeback	15 days	Acquirer
Fraud Compliance	04,32,01, FC, 25	FCP	00	Fraud Chargeback Representment (Reject)	5 days	Issuer
Fraud Compliance Check	04,32,01, FC, 25	FCC	00	Fraud Complaint Re- raise Reject	5 days	Acquirer
Fraud Complaint Re-raise Reject	04,32,01, FC, 25	FCPR	00	Fraud Compliance	3 days	NPCI

Documents to be uploaded by Banks while taking action on disputes

Reporting frauds within 60 days from date of transaction

Sr. No	Stage	Document Name	Raised by	Settlement	Fields Details
1	Fraud Chargeback	Supporting Document Police FIR copy, Complaint copy, customer complaint letter, bank statement, passbook copy, etc.: Non mandatory	Issuer	Acquirer →	Document Non mandatory
2			Acquirer	No Action	Non mandatory document Acquirer Response – Accept/Reject with free text
3	Represent Fraud Chargeback (Reject)	1) BC letter confirming cash handover to customer. 2) Customer letter confirming receipt of cash/funds 3) Others: Any 1 of the above supporting documents required to upload into system also, the points mentioned 1, 2 & 3 to be reflected on the screen with tick to upload multiple documents	Acquirer	Issuer → Acquirer	Reason for raising fraud chargeback reject Document Mandatory
4	Compliance	Any Supporting Document: Mandatory	Issuer	Acquirer → Issuer	Additional field - 'Reason for raising fraud repeat complaint' made available in portal while raising fraud repeat complaint
5	Accept Re- raised Fraud Complaint	Any Supporting Document : Non - Mandatory	Acquirer	No action	Additional field - 'Reason for accepting Re- raised fraud complaint' made available in portal while accepting

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6	Reject Re- raised Fraud Complaint	Any Supporting Document	Issuer	Issuer → Acquirer	Additional field - 'Reason for rejecting Re- raised fraud complaint' made available in portal while rejecting fraud repeat complaint

Good faith - Reporting frauds after 60 days from date of transaction

S. No	Stage	Document Name	Settlement	To be uploaded by
1	Good faith Fraud Chargeback	Supporting documents: Non mandatory	No action	Issuer
2	Good Faith Accept Fraud Chargeback	Any Supporting Document: Non mandatory	Acquirer → Issuer	Acquirer
3	Good Faith Represent Fraud Chargeback	Supporting documents: Non mandatory	No action	Acquirer

NTSL report changes for Fraud chargeback dispute entries present in NTSL report Sample reports & screen shot for your reference.

Description	Ref. No	Debit	Credit
Chargeback Details			
Chargeback from KKM	'224410969944	2501	0
Total Chargeback Amount		2501	0
Credit Details			
Credit Adjustment to KKM	'224410687716	2501	0
Total Credit Amount		2501	0

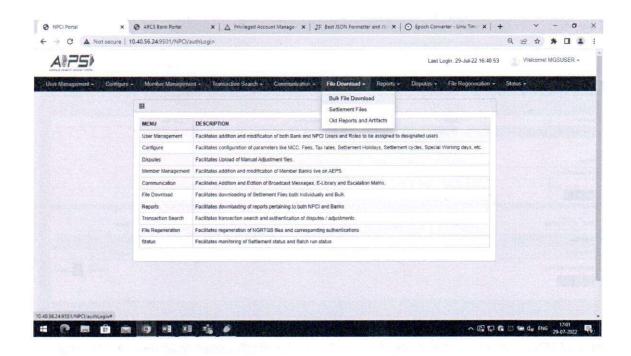
Fraud Chargeback Details			
Fraud Chargeback from KKM	'224410782333	2501	0
Fraud Chargeback from KKM	'962642336133	1500.25	0
Total Fraud Chargeback Amount		4001.25	0
Fraud Chargeback Re-presentment Details			
Fraud Chargeback Re-presentment to KKM	'224410782333	0	2501
Total Fraud Chargeback Re-presentment Amount		0	2501
Fraud Complaint Re-raise Accept Details			
Fraud Complaint Re-raise Accept to KKM	'224410782333	2501	0
Fraud Complaint Re-raise Accept to KKM	'224811289280	1500.25	0
Total Fraud Complaint Re-raise Accept Amount		4001.25	0
Fraud Compliance Check Details	. 7	in and	
Fraud Compliance Check to KKM	'962642336133	1500.25	0
Total Fraud Compliance Check Amount		1500.25	0
Good Faith Fraud Chargeback Accept Details			
Good Faith Fraud Chargeback Accept from KKM	'218711810409	0	2501
Total Good Faith Fraud Chargeback Accept Amount		0	2501
Adjustment Sub Total		14504.75	5002
Net Adjusted Amount		9502.75	0

Bank wise Fraud Chargeback Issuer & Acquirer Report

Please prefer Bank wise fraud chargeback reports in back office system

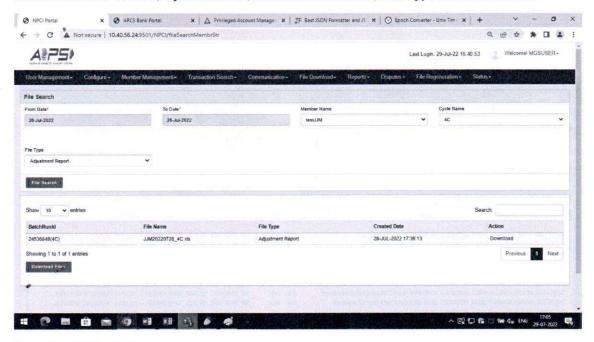
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Bank Portal

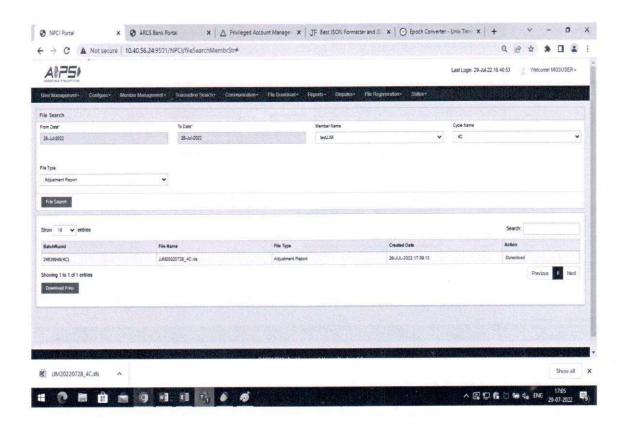


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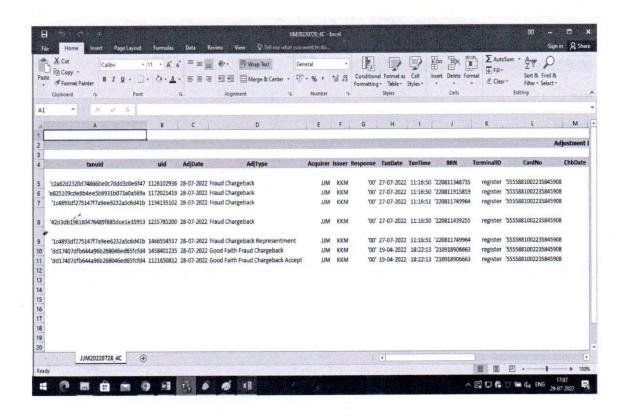
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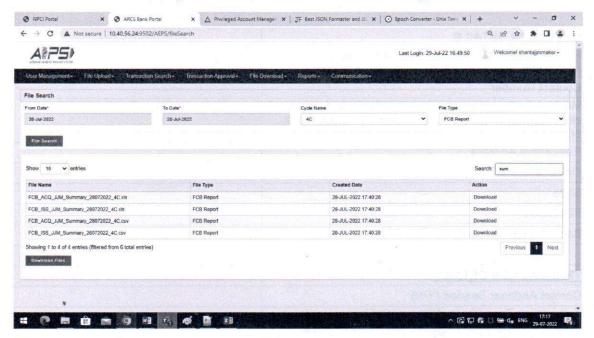


Please prefer Bank wise fraud chargeback summary reports

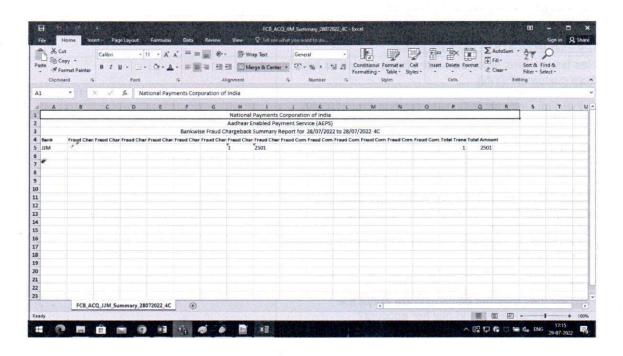
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Issuer Bank Investigation

	Fraud Analysis & Invest	gation Report
ISS	UER BANK INVESTIGATION	
1.	CASE DETAILS	
A.	Date of Occurrence of Fraud Transaction	
В.	Date of fraud reported by customer	
2.	CUSTOMER DETAILS	
A.	Full Name (mention names of all joint holders, if applicable)	A A SHEET WATER AND THE STATE OF THE STATE O
B.	Contact Number	
C.	Masked Aadhaar Number (mention Aadhaar numbers of all joint account holders, if applicable Ex: XXXX XXXX 5678)	
D.	Residential Address	
	City	
	State	
	PIN CODE	
E.	Bank Branch address	
3.	TRANSACTION DETAILS	
Α.	Correct Aadhaar Seeded (Y/N)	
В.	Transaction Type {Cash Withdrawal, Funds transfer, Purchase transaction (Aadhaar pay), Cash Deposit}	
C.	Number of Transaction Reported	
D.	Total amount of reported transactions (in Indian Rupees)	184 81
E.	Trxn Date Acq ID Terminal ID RRN Number (12 digits as per BCS) Amount Timespan	
4.	ISSUER INVESTIGATION DETAILS	
Α.	Has Issuer Bank received written fraud complaint letter from customer? (Y/N)	and the second s
B.	Is there any joint holder in customer's account? (Y/N)	
C.	Is joint account holder aware of fraudulent transactions reported by other account holder? (Y/N)	
D.	Customer's account type (Savings/ Current)	
E.	Has customer shared his/ her biometric with other entity/person for any purpose since the last 6 months? If yes, provide details.	0
F.	Is the customer regularly carrying out AePS transactions at same BC locations?	
G.	Has customer previously done any AePS transaction in last 6 months	
Н.	How did the customer come to know about the fraudulent transactions in his/ her account?	9

1.	Customer's location at the time of transaction?	
J.	Is the Customer's account statement checked for reported transactions?	
K.	Any other cases reported against the same BC?	
L.	What is the action taken by Issuer Bank to stop subsequent AePS transactions in customer's account	
M.	Aadhaar No delinked from account? (Y/N)	
N.	Is customer's 'mobile number/ email id' updated in Aadhaar Card? (Y/N)	
Ο.	Is the customer's currently used mobile number updated with the bank for SMS alert? Also was the same number used by customer at time of disputed transaction?	
P.	Are SMS notifications been sent to customer's mobile number for reported transactions? If "No", provide reason.	
Q.	Reason for late reporting of fraudulent transactions by customer	a Linear and a
R.	If any other specific details issuer want to report	
S.	Other details	A SECTION OF THE PERSON OF THE
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5.	FIR DETAILS	= =
A.	FIR/Complaint Lodged (Y/N).	
В.	IF "No" Provide reason	
C.	FIR Number & Date	
D.	Police Station	
E.	Status of the case	

Acquirer Investigation Report

	Fraud Analysis & Investigation Report					
ACC	QUIRER BANK INVESTIGATION					
1.	CSP / BC DETAILS					
A.	BC Agent Full Name					
В.	Terminal Id	38				
C.	Contact Number					
D.	Masked Aadhaar Number (Ex: XXXX XXXX 5678) – Last 4 digits only					
E.	Residential Address	7				
	City					
	State	17 79 ₁ = -				
	PIN CODE					
F.	On-board Date					
G.	Off-board/Termination/suspension Date (If applicable)					
H.	Exit Reason					
1.	Corporate BC details (If any)					
2.	ACQUIRER INVESTIGATION DETAILS					
Α.	Is BC contactable? If no, action taken by Bank for the given case	æ.				
Λ.	Register maintained by CSP / BC (YES/NO). If YES,	× 1				
B.	share details.					
C.	Has BC agent collected any ID proof of the customer					
D.	What was the location of the agent at the date of disputed transaction?					
E.	Whether the agent is working from a fixed location? If yes, what is the location?					
F.	If No, where from he was operating during the last six months and share the locations.					
G.	Whether there are attempts, successful or failed by the agent for the given Aadhaar with multiple banks? If so the details thereof.	5				
Н.	What is the procedure adopted by the acquirer bank for engaging the BC agents?					
1.	If Acquiring bank is complied with Two factor authentication (Yes/No)					
J.	What are the transaction limits, daily limits set for the agent?					
K.	Action taken by the acquirer to stop subsequent operation by agent.					
L.	Is BC involved in Fraud? (Y/N)					
M.	Any Police complaint filed against BC? (Y/N)					
M1	If BC is involved in fraud, has he been added in the negative list & reported to NPCI					
M2	If no, specify the reason					

N.	Fraud Type (Fake Biometric, Wrong Aadhaar Seeding, Siphoning Fraud, Others (with reason)	
0.	Brief Description of the case/Modus Operandi	5
P.	Is Acquirer Bank providing consent for refund to customer? (Y/N)	
Q.	Any other details w.r.t reported transactions/ case	