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# GERMANY

# TRAVEL MARK CHEQUES and DECLARATION OF MONEY

### **NEW FACILITIES.**

- No fee is payable when cashing Travel Mark Cheques in Germany; travellers will receive the full amount of the cheque without any deduction.
- 2. The restrictions in frontier areas have been abolished; travellers may now cash up to RM 50 per day per person in these areas as well as in the rest of Germany. (For exceptions see p.4.) Up to RM 100 per day per person may be cashed with "Letter of Recommendation"—obtainable in special cases from a "Registered Holder" (bank). The traveller receives in exchange for his cheques Reichsmark coins and notes, i.e., the ordinary currency of Germany.
- 3. Unused Reichsmarks may be deposited at a German Bank or Exchange Office (Wechselstube) while the traveller visits another country; they will be paid out to the traveller personally, at a point in Germany to be indicated by him, on production of passport and upon his return to Germany within three months. No charge is made for this service. For sums over RM 100 a special permit must be obtained from the Reichsbank.\* (For disposal of unused Reichsmarks when leaving Germany for last time see p.2.)

TRAVEL MARK CHEQUES (also Travel Mark Letters of Credit, Travel Mark Bank Transfers, etc.) are issued at a special rate which represents a very considerable saving compared with the ordinary exchange rate of about RM 12 = £1 (i.e., 1 Reichsmark = 1/8d.). The rate varies from day to day and frequently stands, including all charges, at about RM 20 = £1 (i.e., 1 Reichsmark = 1/-). In addition to the exchange rate a licence fee of 10/- per RM 100 is payable at time of purchase. In some cases the inclusive rate allowing for this licence fee is quoted, i.e., a rate of RM 20.06 including the licence fee is equivalent to a rate of RM 22.30 plus licence fee.

TRAVEL MARK CHEQUES (for RM 25, RM 50 and RM 100) up to a maximum of RM 1500 per person per month can be bought over the counter or ordered through the post from travel bureaux and banks in most non-German countries; they cannot be bought in Germany or at German frontier stations or ports. The buyer must

give the following particulars:—Full name and permanent address, profession, nationality; number, date and place of issue of passport and of any passport renewal.

TRAVEL MARK CHEQUES can be cashed at banks (hours (approx.) Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Sat. till noon or 1 p.m. Closed on Sundays and Public Holidays) and railway station exchange offices (see p. 4) in all parts of Germany; they cannot be cashed at German hotels or travel bureaux, in restaurant cars or anywhere outside Germany.

(When entering Germany, and before Cheques have been cashed, meals in Restaurant Cars can be paid for in Sterling or other non-German currency at the ordinary rate; the waiter will present the official printed list of Exchange rates.)

In small towns or villages where there is no bank, cheques can usually be cashed, occasionally with a slight delay, by a local savings bank (Sparkasse).

Husband and wife, travelling on joint passport, can cash up to RM 50 per day for each person, provided cheques are made out separately in the name of the husband and of the wife. Cheques, up to one-half of the sums stated above, can be cashed on behalf of a child up to 15 years of age travelling on its own or its parent's passport.

Sums for several preceding days can be cashed at one time, but the bank may ask for proof that the traveller has actually spent these preceding days in Germany. When cashing cheques the traveller must present his passport and sign the cheque in the presence of the cashier. The amount cashed is entered in the passport.

Reichsmarks obtained by cashing Travel Mark Cheques may be used in Germany only for:—Travelling expenses (e.g., train, steamer, coach or air tickets, pleasure cruises on German liners, but not 60% reduced rate tickets, which can only be purchased outside Germany); living expenses (e.g., board and lodging, whether in hotel or private family, restaurant meals, etc.); other personal incidental expenses (e.g., theatre tickets, running repairs to a car, souvenirs, etc.). They may on no account be used for the purchase of tickets for journeys outside Germany or for the payment of any purchases outside the traveller's daily requirements.

The export from Germany, even in the smallest sums, of Reichsmarks obtained by cashing Travel Mark Cheques, is prohibited. Any surplus Reichsmarks left over at the end of the tour should therefore be deposited with (a) a bank or exchange office in the last town where the journey is broken before leaving Germany, or (b) the exchange office at the outgoing frontier railway station; motorists should deposit at last town visited before arriving at frontier.

The traveller will receive a receipt for the amount deposited. On return to his own country he will present this receipt at the place from which he originally purchased the cheques and will receive a refund, in his own currency, at the current Travel Mark rate.

Uncashed Travel Mark Cheques should be brought back from Germany and handed in to the bank or travel bureau from which they were purchased. The traveller will receive a refund, in his own currency, at the current Travel Mark rate.

Students,\* and those spending more than one month in Germany, can arrange, through their own Bank or Travel Bureau, for Reichsmark amounts to be remitted to them in Germany at the Travel Mark rate in the form of a Letter of Credit, which can be cashed at a German bank. Permission,\* will also be granted for a student to pay tuition fees at the Travel Mark rate. This also applies to payment\* of treatment and medical fees at German spas.

Leaders of school and adult parties can obtain permission,\* through the travel bureau or bank from which they purchase their Cheques, to cash at specified points en route in Germany large sums for the payment of hotel bills, distribution of pocket money, etc. Since each request for this special facility is examined individually by the Reichsbank authorities in Berlin it is essential that the application be made well in advance of the actual date of departure.

Post Office Travel Mark Cheques, valid for three months, are issued for RM 25 each. They can be cashed at any German Post Office and are therefore of especial value to tourists visiting country districts. These Post Office Cheques must be bought from a bank or travel bureau at least ten days before departure.

\* Applications should be addressed to the Deutsche Reichsbank, Abt. Deutsche Kreditabkommen, Reisestelle, Berlin, SW 111, and forwarded through the bank or travel bureau from which Travel Mark Cheques are purchased.

# DECLARATION OF MONEY at GERMAN FRONTIERS

In view of the economic situation, Germany, in common with various other European countries, has been obliged to impose certain regulations on the import and export of money across the frontiers. Visitors are requested to regard the formality of stating the amount of money they are carrying, not as an unwarranted, over-officious control, but rather as an unavoidable measure which is more than compensated by the great advantages offered to the traveller in the form of Travel Mark Cheques and 60% reduced rate rail tickets.

Any amount of money, large or small, in non-German currency, can be brought into and taken out of Germany, provided the simple procedure set out below is followed:—

- On entering Germany the traveller will declare to the frontier official all sums of money in his possession\* and will receive a Declaration Form (valid for one month)† on which these sums have been entered.
- 2. The traveller will show this Declaration Form at the outgoing frontier, and may take out with him all sums shown thereon, but only in the same currency and not in any other.

The import of German Reichsmark coins and notes is prohibited with the exception that visitors to Germany may bring in with them up to RM 30.00 in coins (but not in notes), provided that these are declared at the frontier on the Declaration Form. This facility is provided for the convenience of travellers so that they may have sufficient small change to cover incidental expenses (meals in the train, etc.) which may occur before they have an opportunity to cash their Travel Mark Cheques.

Travel Mark Cheques or Letters of Credit can also be taken into Germany. Since they can be cashed only in Germany they need not be declared when passing the frontier into or out of Germany.

\* Uncashed Travel Mark Cheques can be cashed only in Germany and need not be declared when crossing the frontier into or out of Germany.

† The Declaration Form can be renewed for longer periods through the bank at which the traveller cashes his Travel Mark Cheques.

## RAILWAY STATION EXCHANGE OFFICES

(WECHSELSTUBE)

at which Travel Mark Cheques can be cashed:-

Aachen (SS 8.05 am-8.00 pm), Bentheim (SS for international trains), Berlin (WS all main line stations except Lehrter and Görlitzer Bhf.), Beuthen (SS), Bremen (WS), Breslau (WS), Düsseldorf (WS), Emmerich (SS for international trains), Flensburg (SS), Frankfurt a.M. (W 6.30 am—midnight S 7.00 am —11.00 pm) Friedrichshafen (SS), Garmisch-Partenkirchen (WS), Gleiwitz (SS), Hamburg (WS 7.00 am—11.00 pm), Hindenburg (SS), Karlsruhe (SS), Kassel (SS), Kehl (SS), Köln (Cologne) (W 6.00 am-midnight, S. 6.00 am-9.00 pm), Königsberg (WS), Leipzig (WS), München (WS 6.00 am-11.30 pm), Neu Bentschen (SS), Nürnberg (WS), Passau (WS), Reichenhall (WS 1. June—15 Sept. only), Saarbrücken (SS), Schneidemühl (SS), Stettin (WS), Stuttgart (WS), Warnmunde (WS).

SS-Cheques will be cashed only on Saturdays, Sundays, Public Holidays and the day before a Public Holiday.

-Cheques will be cashed on weekdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.

Hours of Business for any Railway Station Exchange Office will be given on request.

## FRONTIER DISTRICTS

in which the maximum amount which may be cashed per day per person is restricted and in which the "Letter of Recommendation" does not apply:

### Up to RM 10 per day for the first three days and thereafter RM 25 per day in

1. The district bounded by the Polish Corridor, Danzig Free State, Frische Haff, the railway line Frauenburg-Elbing-Miswalde-Riesenburg-Marienwerder-Garnsee and including the places on that line.

2. Schleswig-Holstein, northwards of the railway line Tönning-Husum-Schleswig-Kappeln, and including the places on that line.

### Up to RM 12 per day in

Lörrach (near Basel) and Kehl (near Strassburg). Travel Mark Cheques cannot be cashed in Basel, Salzburg or Schaffhausen, which are not German towns.

#### Up to RM 25.00 per day in

The North Frisian Islands of Amrum, Föhr and Sylt.

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