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**Fiscal Service**  
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**ITS.gov**

**International Payment Solutions  
Program Updates**

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# ITS.gov Overview

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- Secure, TWAI-based web application for processing international electronic and check payments and collections
- More than 100 foreign currencies supported – plus electronic USD payment to foreign recipients
- Send payments to 200 countries around the world

# Fiscal Year 2015 Statistics

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## Payments

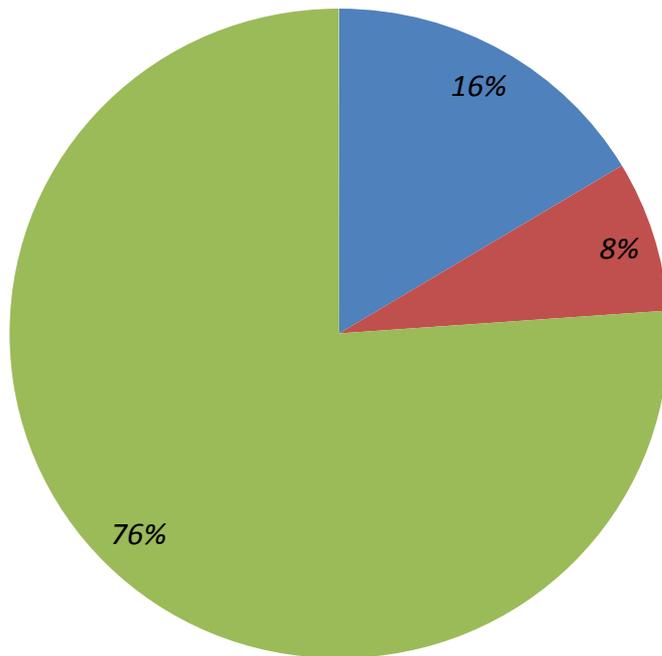
- 7.138 million foreign payments
- \$27.748 Billion total USD value

## Collections

- 4,300 foreign collection receipts
- \$1.376 Billion total USD received

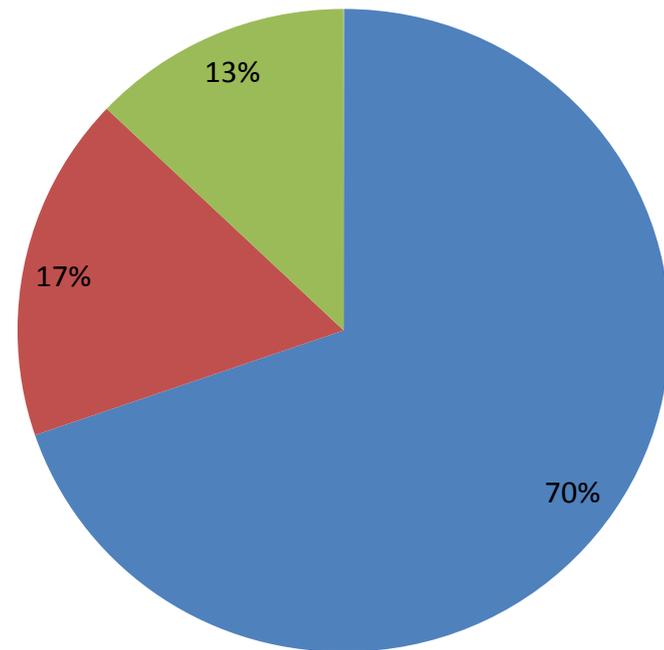
# Fiscal Year 2015 Statistics

**FY15 Total Volumes**  
7.139 Million Payments



- NTDO
- TDO Non-Benefit
- Benefit

**FY15 Total Dollars**  
\$27.748 Billion Total USD



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# ITS.gov Benefits & Solutions

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- Ability to send payments via SWIFT direct to a foreign bank – no intermediary bank
- Foreign Currency payments
- Receive payments in both FX or USD from a foreign originator
- Manual or File based payment processing
- Eliminates USD Check cashing issues

# Check Cashing Issues

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- Increasing issues with recipients outside the U.S. experiencing difficulties negotiating USD checks at foreign banks
  - Increased compliance & anti money laundering
  - Increased fees and/or poor retail exchange rates
  - Big impact for benefit payments
  - ITS can solve these problems!

# ITS.gov – Western Union Capabilities

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- ITS.gov can process international payments to beneficiaries without a bank account using Western Union
  - Western Union payments are available in over 150 countries
  - Recipients provide ID at their local Western Union office to receive their payment in local currency

# ITS.gov – Western Union Statistics

## FY15 Statistics

Volume

265

Total USD Value

\$ 732,295

### Destinations Countries

Belize	Estonia	Lithuania	Romania
Bolivia	Gabon	Mali	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Greece	Mauritania	Spain
Burkina Faso	Hungary	Mexico	Ukraine
Chad	Italy	Niger	Zambia
China	Japan	Panama	
Costa Rica	Kenya	Philippines	
Dominican Republic	Latvia	Poland	

# Current Initiatives

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- Automated File Delivery and Processing
- IDD Country Expansion
- Post Payment System
- PIV Validation & CAC Card interoperability

# PIV Pilot Program

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- Pilot project in process
- Testing configuration and processes for PIV-required security certificates and interfacing systems in a test environment
- Expected Test Completion – Summer 2016
- Goal – convert all users from PKI tokens to PIV-based user authentication

# Fedwire Updates

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## What is a Fedwire payment?

- A Fedwire payment is a high dollar, low volume payment that has a same day settlement
- Fedwire payments should exceed \$100,000
  - Found in TFM Volume 1, Part 6, Chapter 8000, Section 8040
- Fedwire payments cannot exceed \$9,999,999,999.99

## How is a Fedwire Payment Processed?

- Fedwire payments are entered directly into SPS
- All Fedwire payments are screened for OFAC compliance

# Fedwire Updates

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- **Fiscal Service's Fedwire Support:**

**Monday – Friday 7:00 am - 5:50 pm ET**

- **KFC Diversified Payments Processing Section**

**Fedwire Help Desk**

**816-414-2341**

**[KFCFedwire@fms.treas.gov](mailto:KFCFedwire@fms.treas.gov)**

**Monday – Friday; 7:00 am – 6:30 pm est**

# OFAC Shared Service

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- “OH” What?
- Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC)
- Created in 1950 but increasingly visible in the post 9/11 world
- Administers and enforces the Economic and Trade Sanctions of the U.S. Government

# OFAC Share Services (Continued)

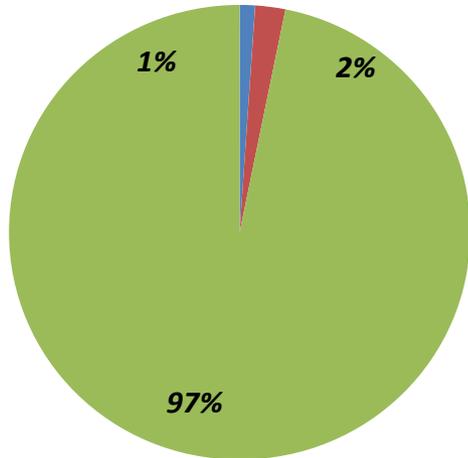
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- ITS screens all foreign payments and collections
- Provides OFAC screening as a shared service to other Fiscal Service applications, including:
  - **SPS & PAM** – International ACH Transactions (IATs)
  - **Fedwire** – high value, same day wire transactions
  - **Debit Gateway** – foreign originated transaction

# OFAC Shared Service

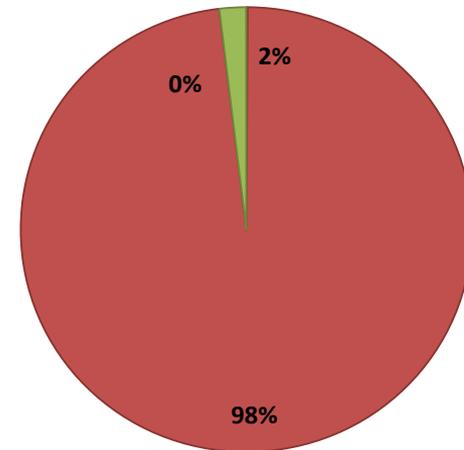
OFAC Shared Services	FY2015		FY2016 YTD	
	Items	USD Values	Items	USD Values
Debit Gateway	33,710	\$ 175,728,419	21,251	\$ 121,947,589
Fedwire Payment	75,883	\$ 192,869,463,257	41,479	\$ 126,002,342,472
<u>IAT Payments</u>	<u>3,109,557</u>	<u>\$ 3,791,489,544</u>	<u>1,912,861</u>	<u>\$ 2,234,085,235</u>
Total	3,219,150	\$ 196,836,681,220	1,975,591	\$ 128,358,375,296

**FY16 Total Volume (YTD)**



■ Debit Gateway   ■ Fedwire Payment   ■ IAT Payments

**FY15 Total Dollars**



■ Debit Gateway   ■ Fedwire Payment   ■ IAT Payments

# Why is this important to my Agency?

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- ITS Staff assists with potential OFAC match investigations – contacts agency to request needed information
- You must ***take action*** and ***respond!***
- Common requests include information related to the Rep Payee or Beneficiary or any name listed on the payment, DOB, Passport or Citizenship, Place of Birth
- Typically simple requests that can be resolved quickly to preserve the value date

# Contact Information

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# QUESTIONS?

