

User Guide

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1 Introduction

The Middle Office module is an intermediate bank approval facility which is invoked after the customer's signature of the transaction and before arrival at Nordea. It allows Nordea to review the application from various aspects.

- Example 1: the Deal amount of a new Import Documentary Credit application does not
 correspond with the quantity and price stated in the goods description. After reviewing the
 content of the application for a Documentary Credit Nordea returns the application to the
 customer adding the relevant comments. Now the customer can rectify the application and
 submit the correct version.
- Example 2: the customer submits an application for a new Import Documentary Credit but the
 amount exceeds the customer's current credit line. When rejecting the application, the Middle
 Office credit officer can enter in the comment the maximum possible D/C amount or the
 conditions under which the requested amount will be granted.

The approval by the Middle Office stations ensures that all applications that arrive at Nordea can be processed immediately.

1.1 General

The Middle Office module of TFG is an intermediate processing functionality. Applications are sent to the Middle Office after the customer's signing process and before the application arrives at Nordea. Nordea can review and then approve or reject the customer application during the Middle Office reviewing process. In the case of approval, the application is transmitted to the Nordea; in case of a rejection, the customer receives the rejection details through the MO Transactions section in the TFG inbox.



TFG Inbox with MO Transactions Section

2 Middle Office Customer User View

When Middle Office is available to the customer, a fifth section, MO Transactions, is displayed in the TFG Inbox, detailing the applications that were rejected by Nordea.

When a customer user's application is rejected in the Middle Office flow, the customer is advised of the rejection. Therefore, any entry in the MO Transaction section has a corresponding entry in the Incoming Correspondence section.

To View the Details of a Rejected Transaction:

 In the Incoming Correspondence section, click the name of the rejected transaction. The rejection comments pop up in a separate window.





Incoming Correspondence: Middle Office Rejection Text

Or

• In the MO Transactions section, click the name of the rejected transaction. The rejection comments are displayed with transaction details (in the Texts tab).



Inbox: MO Transactions: Details page: Texts tab

Customer users can resubmit transaction requests after making the changes suggested by Nordea. This process can have multiple iterations.

Note: The rejection of a transaction by the Middle Office is not the same as the rejection of a transaction by the Nordea Back Office Trade System. A transaction which was not reviewed in the Middle Office may be rejected by Nordea, for example due to compliance issues, credit issues or other technical issues. These rejections will not be found in the MO Transactions Section of the Inbox. They can be seen under the Transaction Status Inquiry (search for items in Rejected status). Under this inquiry, there is a new function – by clicking on the Status description, TFG will display the reason entered by the Nordea user for rejecting the transaction.

3 Pre-Guarantee

The TFG Pre-Guarantee module handles the negotiation process between the Customer and Nordea on the Guarantee text. It is based on the Middle Office Station logic and allows the discussion of the guarantee text between the customer and Nordea prior to the creation of the Outgoing Guarantee application. After having concluded the final draft of the guarantee, the customer user creates the Outgoing Guarantee application, which may also undergo the regular approval process from the Middle Office.

4 Optional Middle Office Submission

Nordea has defined in TFG the cases where transactions will always flow to the Middle Office for approval prior to forwarding to Nordea's Back Office system. These cases include (for customers authorized for these transactions):



- 1. Pre-Guarantees
- 2. Export D/C Negotiation

In addition, Nordea may define that for specific customers, specific transactions will always flow to the Middle Office.

There may be cases where a specific transaction type is not defined as being sent to the Middle Office, but the customer wishes to send the transaction to the Middle Office for review. For example, the customer is requesting to issue a complex Import D/C or Guarantee and wishes to send it to the Middle Office.

In these cases, the customer may do the following:

- a. Indicate in the comments window that Nordea are requested to review the transaction as well as any specific review requests
- b. When the transaction is signed, indicate that it should be routed to the Middle Office by indicating Yes in the signature screen:

Transaction Details: Import D/C Issuance Transaction Type: 00101010404660 Deal Number: CCY / Amount: USD 10.000,00 FOREIGN COMPANY PLC Beneficiary L/C Type: Normal Import D/C Expiry Date: 27/11/15 Payment: Sight Date: 11/11/15 14:55:19 Our Reference: 111115145443RFHX Payment Item Account No. EUR 15723000332932 Shall this transaction be transmitted to the bank's Middle Office? No
 Oyes