question may be clarified as to how to categorize such transactions.

Section II: Debit Card Transactions

Small issuer exemption: Transactions using card of exempt vs. non-exempt issuers—The Board proposes to revise this section by deleting line item 1e.1 (Volume and Value). All settled purchase transactions between (January 1, 2011–September 30, 2011), as this timeframe is no longer relevant. Subsequent line items 1e.2 and 1e.3 would be renumbered as 1e.1 and 1e.2.

Transactions using card of exempt vs. non-exempt issuers (January 1, 2011–September 30, 2011)—The Board proposes to revise this section by deleting line items 1f through 1f.2 as this timeframe is no longer relevant. Subsequent line items would be renumbered accordingly.

General-use prepaid card exemption: Exempt vs. non-exempt general-use prepaid card transactions and General-use prepaid card exemption: Interchange fees on exempt vs. non-exempt card transactions—The Board proposes to revise line items 1g and 2i by requiring networks to allocate volume, value, and interchange fee revenue for exempt general-use prepaid card transactions between transactions using prepaid cards issued by exempt (small) issuers (adding line items 1g.1.1 and 2i.1.1) and transactions using prepaid cards issued by non-exempt issuers (adding line items 1g.1.2 and 2i.1.2). Currently, payment card networks are required to allocate volume and value of general-use prepaid card transactions, and associated interchange fee revenue, between exempt and non-exempt general-use prepaid card transactions and interchange fees. Under Regulation II, a general-use prepaid card transaction may be exempt from the interchange fee standards either because the card is issued by an issuer that qualifies for the small issuer exemption or because the card qualifies for the prepaid card exemption, irrespective of the size of the issuer. The proposed break-out of these data would allow the Board to determine which type of exemption applies to each exempt transaction, thus improving interpretation of these data.

Small issuer exemption: Interchange fees on transactions using card of exempt vs. non-exempt issuers—The Board proposes to revise this section by deleting line items 2g.1, All interchange fees paid to issuers between (January 1, 2011–September 30, 2011), and 2g.2. All interchange fees paid to exempt issuers between (October 1, 2011–December 31, 2011), as these timeframes are no longer relevant. Subsequent line item 2g.2 would be renumbered as 2g.1.

Interchange fees on transactions using card of exempt vs. non-exempt issuers (January 1, 2011–September 30, 2011)—The Board proposes to revise this section by deleting line items 2h through 2h.2 as these timeframes are no longer relevant. Subsequent line items would be renumbered accordingly.

Small issuer exemption: Network fees received from exempt vs. non-exempt issuers—The Board proposes to revise this section by deleting line items 3c.1, All network fees received from issuers that settled between January 1, 2011–September 30, 2011, and line items 3d through 3d.2, as these timeframes are no longer relevant. Subsequent line items would be renumbered 3c.1 and 3c.2.

Small issuer exemption: Payments and incentives paid to exempt vs. non-exempt issuers—The Board proposes to revise this section by deleting line items 4c.1, All payments and incentives paid to issuers between January 1, 2011–September 30, 2011, and line items 4d through 4d.2, as these timeframes are no longer relevant. Subsequent line items would be renumbered 4c.1 and 4c.2.

General Instructions

Response Confidentiality and Burden—The Board proposes to revise the confidentiality statement to indicate that the Board may release some information identified by network, rather than in the aggregate, by total, or as an average. The Board currently publishes this information only at the aggregate levels across networks for signature, PIN, and total debit card transactions: The percent of total number of transactions for exempt and non-exempt issuers; the percent of total value of transactions for exempt and non-exempt issuers; and the average transaction value for exempt, non-exempt, and all issuers. This information can already be calculated at the network level from the information the Board currently publishes on average interchange fees. Network-specific information may be useful to issuers (both exempt and non-exempt) and merchants in choosing payment card networks in which to participate and to policymakers in assessing the effect of Regulation II on the level of interchange fees received by exempt and nonexempt issuers over time. The existing confidentiality statement provides that only the average interchange fees for exempt and non-exempt issuers would be released by network.
additional objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the additional exhibit objects at the Leonardo Museum, Salt Lake City, UT, from on or about November 23, 2013, until on or about April 27, 2014, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the Federal Register.

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