

Chapter I - Preliminary

Chapter in 2 minutes • Confirm the applicable text, definitions and current territorial/amendment position before classifying any instrument. • Primary control: classification and source gate. • Identify the instrument, date, parties, place and current amendment source before taking action. • Apply the exact current section text, amendment history and transaction evidence together. • Do not confuse a negotiable instrument remedy with automatic proof of the underlying transaction.	Execution gates • Legally enforceable transaction • Instrument classification and stamp • Authority/mandate and custody • Presentation, return and notice clocks • Evidence, forum and entity liability • Settlement, accounting and retention
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Provision/control map

Provision	Subject	Control
Section 1	Short title.	Identify trigger, parties, conditions, exceptions, consequence and linked sections before execution.
Section 2	[Repealed.].	Do not revive historical wording without an amendment/savings analysis.
Section 3	Interpretation-clause.	Identify trigger, parties, conditions, exceptions, consequence and linked sections before execution.

Evidence file Instrument/image; mandate; contract/invoice/delivery; ledger/bank/tax; presentment/return; notice/service; calculations; settlement/orders; source log.	Default response Freeze timeline; verify debt and authority; preserve originals; validate bank memo; calculate statutory/civil clocks; decide cure, notice, settlement and filing.
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