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Important monetary policy data for the week ending 31 December 2004

Assets and liabilities of the SNB of relevance for monetary policy

Assets (in CHF millions)	31 December 2004	Changes from previous week
Claims from main financing and fine-tuning transactions	24'502.0	+1'501.0
Claims from the liquidity-shortage financing facility	6.6	+6.6
Liabilities (in CHF millions)		
Banknotes in circulation	39'719.3	+323.8
Sight deposit accounts of domestic banks	6'541.7	+1'090.4
Liabilities from liquidity-absorbing transactions	0.0	0.0

Reference interest rates SNB

Date	Target range for three-month Libor	Three-month Libor	Special rate liquidity-shortage facility ¹
27.12.04	0.25% - 1.25%	-	2.52%
28.12.04	0.25% - 1.25%	-	2.54%
29.12.04	0.25% - 1.25%	0.73500%	2.55%
30.12.04	0.25% - 1.25%	0.72000%	2.52%
31.12.04	0.25% - 1.25%	0.71667%	2.51%

¹ Repo Overnight Index (SNB) from previous day + 2%
The Lombard rate is identical to the special rate until end of 2005.

Repo Overnight Index (SNB)

Date	Reference rate (weighted) ²	Daily high	Daily low	Trading volume in CHF millions	Number of transactions
27.12.04	0.54%	0.56%	0.51%	3'743	53

28.12.04	0.55%	0.60%	0.45%	3'400	50
29.12.04	0.52%	0.56%	0.40%	2'847	46
30.12.04	0.51%	0.58%	0.40%	2'862	43
31.12.04	0.50%	0.70%	0.40%	1'990	30

² Definition cf. www.snb.ch (News, Important monetary policy data)

Daily results of monetary policy transactions (in CHF millions)

Transaction	SNB ³	Contract	from	until	Type	Price ⁴	Bids	Allocation
27.12.04	CP	1W	29.12.04	05.01.05	R-auction	0.56%	32'109	5'002
28.12.04	CP	1W	30.12.04	06.01.05	R-auction	0.56%	14'925	6'000
29.12.04	CP	1W	31.12.04	07.01.05	R-auction	0.56%	8'360	5'000
30.12.04	CP	1W	03.01.05	10.01.05	R-auction	0.54%	5'465	3'501
31.12.04	CP	1W	04.01.05	11.01.05	R-auction	0.54%	13'950	1'500

³ CP = cash provider CHF; CT = cash taker CHF

⁴ for bilateral transactions: average rate; for swaps: premium or discount (Pips)