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Press release

Important monetary policy data for the week ending 21 January 2005

Assets and liabilities of the SNB of relevance for monetary policy

Assets (in CHF millions)	21 January 2005	Changes from previous week
Claims from main financing and fine-tuning transactions	18'500.0	-1'701.0
Claims from the liquidity-shortage financing facility	0.0	-0.4
Liabilities (in CHF millions)		
Banknotes in circulation	36'816.4	-446.7
Sight deposit accounts of domestic banks	4'361.7	-1'279.2
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
17.01.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.74333%	2.64%
18.01.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.73833%	2.58%
19.01.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.73000%	2.25%
20.01.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.73000%	2.09%
21.01.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.74000%	2.58%

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

Minimum reserves: sight deposits of domestic banks averaged over the reporting period (in CHF millions) 2

Previous reporting period

Average until

Sight deposits

Current reporting period

Average until

Sight deposits

21.01.05 4'470

Final figure Period

Minimum reserves: compliance during the last 12 periods (in CHF millions)

Period	Requirement	Eligible assets ³	Notes Coins	Sight deposits	Compliance in percent
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-					
-					
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³ Sum of notes/coins and sight deposits

Repo Overnight Index (SNB)

Date	Reference rate (weighted) ⁴	Daily high	Daily low	Trading volume in CHF millions	Number of transactions
17.01.05	0.58%	0.66%	0.40%	1'253	24
18.01.05	0.25%	0.42%	0.05%	2'041	28
19.01.05	0.09%	0.20%	0.05%	954	24
20.01.05	0.58%	0.63%	0.53%	2'091	33
21.01.05	0.60%	0.64%	0.55%	3'240	51

⁴ Definition cf. www.snb.ch (News, Important monetary policy data)

Daily results of monetary policy transactions (in CHF millions)

Transaction	SNB ⁵	Contract	from	until	Туре	Price ⁶	Bids	Allocation
17.01.05	СР	1W	19.01.05	26.01.05	R-auction	0.60%	48'105	1'500
18.01.05	CP	1W	20.01.05	27.01.05	R-auction	0.59%	30'235	2'500
19.01.05	CP	1W	21.01.05	28.01.05	R-auction	0.59%	43'605	5'501
20.01.05	CP	1W	24.01.05	31.01.05	R-auction	0.60%	28'365	3'500
21.01.05	CP	1W	25.01.05	01.02.05	R-auction	0.60%	50'514	3'000

⁵ CP = cash provider CHF; CT = cash taker CHF

² The period lasts from the 20th of a month until the 19th of the following month

⁶ for bilateral transactions: average rate; for swaps: premium or discount (Pips)