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Press release

Important monetary policy data for the week ending 11 March 2005

Assets and liabilities of the SNB of relevance for monetary policy

Assets (in CHF millions)	11 March 2005	Changes from previous week		
Claims from main financing and fine-tuning transactions	19'500.0	-303.0		
Claims from the liquidity-shortage financing facility	0.0	0.0		
Liabilities (in CHF millions)				
Banknotes in circulation	36'638.5	-683.5		
Sight deposit accounts of domestic banks	4'574.2	+375.5		
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		
07.03.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.74000%	2.60%		
08.03.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.75000%	2.67%		
09.03.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.75000%	2.69%		
10.03.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.75000%	2.64%		
11.03.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.74833%	2.60%		

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) $^{\rm 2}$					
Previous reporting period	1	Current reporting period			
Average until	Sight deposits	Average until	Sight deposits		

21.01.05 28.01.05 04.02.05 11.02.05	4'470 5'159 4'917 5'023	25.02.05 04.03.05 11.03.05	5'323 4'998 4'836
18.02.05 Final figure Period	4'893 4'878		

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

Minimum reserves: compliance during the last 12 periods (in CHF millions) Period Requirement Eligible Notes Sight deposits Compliance assets ³ Coins in percent ---_ -_ _ _ _ _ _ _ -_ _ _ _ _ _ -_ _ _ _ _ -_ _

³ Sum of notes/coins and sight deposits

Repo Overnight Index (SNB)

Date	Reference rate (weighted) ⁴			Trading volume in CHF millions	Number of transactions
07.03.05	0.67%	0.72%	0.60%	2'410	39
08.03.05	0.69%	0.74%	0.65%	3'111	49
09.03.05	0.64%	0.72%	0.60%	3'198	48
10.03.05	0.60%	0.63%	0.58%	2'366	42
11.03.05	0.61%	0.66%	0.57%	2'618	42

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 Bi	ds Allocation
07.03.05 CP 08.03.05 CP 09.03.05 CP	1W 1W 1W	10.03.05	17.03.05	R-auction R-auction R-auction	0.63% 33	'985 4'001 '030 6'000 '303 5'000

10.03.05	CP	1W	14.03.05	21.03.05	R-auction	0.64%	6'404	2'000
11.03.05	СР	1W	15.03.05	22.03.05	R-auction	0.63%	16'457	2'000

 5 CP = cash provider CHF; CT = cash taker CHF 6 for bilateral transactions: average rate; for swaps: premium or discount (Pips)