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Press release

Important monetary policy data for the week ending 26 August 2005

Assets and liabilities of the SNB of relevance for monetary policy

Assets (in CHF millions)	26 August 2005	Changes from previous week	
Claims from main financing and fine-tuning transactions	19'700.0	+1'262.0	
Claims from the liquidity-shortage financing facility	17.0 +		
Liabilities (in CHF millions)			
Banknotes in circulation	36'655.4	+544.4	
Sight deposit accounts of domestic banks	4'745.1	+111.0	
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
22.08.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.76000%	2.55%
23.08.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.76000%	2.66%
24.08.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.76000%	2.63%
25.08.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.76000%	2.66%
26.08.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.76000%	2.63%

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 Current reporting period

Average until Sight deposits Average until Sight deposits

22.07.05	4'444	26.08.05	4'515
29.07.05	4'362		
05.08.05	4'457		
12.08.05	4'557		
19.08.05	4'488		
Final figure Period	4'488		

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 assets ³	Notes Coins	Sight deposits	Compliance in percent	Interest rate ⁴
_	-	-	-	-	-	_
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.01.05 - 19.02.05	7'343	9'343	4'462	4'881	127	3.72%
20.02.05 - 19.03.05	7'431	9'260	4'494	4'766	125	3.72%
20.03.05 - 19.04.05	7'504	9'378	4'606	4'771	125	3.74%
20.04.05 - 19.05.05	7'627	9'548	4'599	4'949	125	3.74%
20.05.05 - 19.06.05	7'666	9'158	4'569	4'589	119	3.73%
20.06.05 - 19.07.05	7'682	9'206	4'676	4'530	120	3.73%

³ Sum of notes/coins and sight deposits

Repo Overnight Index (SNB)

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Date	Reference rate (weighted) ⁴	Daily high	h Daily low Trading volume in CHF millions						
22.08.05	0.66%	0.70%	0.60%	2'891	56				
23.08.05	0.63%	0.67%	0.62%	1'955	37				
24.08.05	0.66%	0.72%	0.60%	3'694	60				
25.08.05	0.63%	0.66%	0.60%	3'598	58				
26.08.05	0.61%	0.64%	0.58%	3'417	60				

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

Daily results of monetary policy transactions (in CHF millions)

Transaction	n SNB ⁵	Contract	from	until	Type	Price ⁶	Bids	Allocation
22.08.05	СР	1W	24.08.05	31.08.05	R-auction	0.66%	47'850	3'000
23.08.05	CP	1W	25.08.05	01.09.05	R-auction	0.66%	41'307	5'400

⁴ Interest obligation in the event of non-fulfilment of the minimum reserve requirements

24.08.05	CP	1W	26.08.05	02.09.05	R-auction	0.66%	21'305	4'000
25.08.05	CP	1W	29.08.05	05.09.05	R-auction	0.66%	18'266	4'000
26.08.05	CP	1W	30.08.05	06.09.05	R-auction	0.66%	10'065	4'001

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