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Press release

Important monetary policy data for the week ending 24 March 2006

Assets and liabilities of the SNB of relevance for monetary policy

Assets (in CHF millions)	24 March 2006	Changes from previous week
Claims from main financing and fine-tuning transactions	23'503.0	+1'447.0
Claims from the liquidity-shortage financing facility	0.0	0.0
Liabilities (in CHF millions)		
Banknotes in circulation	37'810.4	+175.1
Sight deposit accounts of domestic banks	5'579.6	+1'051.3
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]
20.03.06	0.75% - 1.75%	1.22000%	2.54%
21.03.06	0.75% - 1.75%	1.22000%	3.00%
22.03.06	0.75% - 1.75%	1.21417%	3.04%
23.03.06	0.75% - 1.75%	1.22000%	3.02%
24.03.06	0.75% - 1.75%	1.23000%	3.05%

[1] Repo Overnight Index (SNB) from previous day + 2%

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

Previous reporting period		Current reporting period	
Average until	Sight deposits	Average until	Sight deposits

24.02.06	5'358	24.03.06	5'097
03.03.06	5'948		
10.03.06	5'587		
17.03.06	5'206		
Final figure Period	5'158		

[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]
20.02.05 - 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	7'692	9'206	4'676	4'530	120	3.73%
20.07.05 - 19.08.05	7'648	9'122	4'632	4'490	119	3.74%
20.08.05 - 19.09.05	7'652	9'084	4'629	4'455	119	3.73%
20.09.05 - 19.10.05	7'657	9'385	4'518	4'867	123	3.74%
20.10.05 - 19.11.05	7'763	9'201	4'517	4'683	119	3.75%
20.11.05 - 19.12.05	7'830	10'123	4'640	5'484	129	3.90%
20.12.05 - 19.01.06	7'960	9'995	5'036	4'959	126	3.90%
20.01.06 - 19.02.06	8'032	9'451	4'839	4'612	118	3.91%

[3] Sum of notes/coins and sight deposits

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

Repo Overnight Index (SNB)

Date	Reference rate (weighted) [5]	Daily high	Daily low	Trading volume in CHF millions	Number of transactions
20.03.06	1.00%	1.05%	0.95%	4'348	66
21.03.06	1.04%	1.08%	1.01%	3'063	64
22.03.06	1.02%	1.07%	0.99%	3'325	59
23.03.06	1.05%	1.10%	1.03%	4'760	75
24.03.06	1.06%	1.13%	1.00%	6'684	96

[5] Definition cf. www.snb.ch (News, Important monetary policy data)

Daily results of monetary policy transactions (in CHF millions)

Transaction	SNB [6]	Contract	from	until	Type	Price [7]	Bids	Allocation
20.03.06	CP	1W	22.03.06	29.03.06	R-auction	1.00%	14'691	4'000
21.03.06	CP	1W	23.03.06	30.03.06	R-auction	1.01%	43'830	5'502
22.03.06	CP	1W	24.03.06	31.03.06	R-auction	1.01%	38'455	6'500

23.03.06	CP	1W	27.03.06	03.04.06	R-auction	1.03%	42'195	4'502
24.03.06	CP	1W	28.03.06	04.04.06	R-auction	1.03%	42'260	4'000

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