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## Notes on the current account survey for freight forwarding and logistics companies: international freight transport

### I. General remarks

#### **Purpose of survey**

This survey is used for drawing up the current account, which covers the trade in goods and services, labour and investment income, as well as transfers between Switzerland or the Principality of Liechtenstein and other countries.

#### **Legal basis**

According to the Federal Act on the Swiss National Bank of 3 October 2003 (National Bank Act), the Ordinance on the National Bank Act of 18 March 2004 (National Bank Ordinance), and the annexes to the currency treaty between the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein of 3 November 1998, the Swiss National Bank is authorised to collect the statistical data required for drawing up the balance of payments and the statistics on the international investment position.

#### **Reporting institutions**

Pursuant to the Appendix to the National Bank Ordinance, legal entities and companies are obliged to supply information if the transaction value of a reporting item (cf. description of categories) exceeds CHF 100,000 in the period under review.

#### **Reporting period**

Data reporting covers one calendar quarter or one calendar year. Data for the second, third or fourth quarter must not be combined with data for the preceding quarters. Receipts and expenses must be reported on an accrual basis.

#### **Submission deadline**

Quarterly survey: One month after the end of the reporting quarter (e.g. for first quarter of 2012 -> submission deadline, 30 April 2012).

Annual survey: Three months after the end of the reporting year (e.g. for 2012 -> submission deadline, 31 March 2013).

#### **Confidentiality and data protection**

The Swiss National Bank will treat the data collected as confidential. Confidentiality and data protection are governed by the National Bank Act and the National Bank Ordinance as well as by the Federal Act on Data Protection of 19 June 1992.

**Queries and information**

Questions regarding contents of the survey	e-mail: <a href="mailto:serviceBOP@snb.ch">serviceBOP@snb.ch</a> ; tel: +41 44 631 35 34
Technical questions regarding online delivery	to be announced
Questions regarding forms in Excel format	to be announced

**II. Explanations****Definition of cross-border transactions**

One of the contracting parties (private or public entity) is resident in Switzerland and the other is either resident in a foreign country or is a foreign state. In principle, the distinction between resident and non-resident, and between individual countries, will be made according to the country of domicile of the contracting parties and not according to the place where the service is performed. The Principality of Liechtenstein is classed as part of the domestic market.

*Receipts:* The service recipient is resident in a foreign country, while the service provider is resident in Switzerland or the Principality of Liechtenstein.

*Expenses:* The service recipient is resident in Switzerland or the Principality of Liechtenstein, while the service provider is resident in a foreign country.

If both contracting parties are resident in Switzerland or the Principality of Liechtenstein, transactions shall not be reported. If both contracting parties are resident in a foreign country, transactions shall not be reported.

**Geographical breakdown**

All items must be broken down by country.

**Estimates**

Data estimates will be accepted for all items as long as the estimates have been made on a best efforts basis.

**Intragroup transactions**

Cross-border transactions within a corporate group must also be reported. Intragroup transactions must be reported at market prices; should these be unavailable, intragroup transfer prices will be accepted.

**Centralised/decentralised reporting**

Where several companies within a group are required to report in Switzerland, the group has the choice between submitting an aggregated report for all group companies in Switzerland or instructing the individual reporting companies to report their transactions themselves. If a group submits an aggregated report, it should notify the SNB which companies in Switzerland are covered by the report.

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**Conversion rules for transactions in foreign currency**

Quarterly survey: It is recommended that the quarterly average exchange rate be used.

Annual survey: It is recommended that the annual average exchange rate be used.

**Accuracy and zero entries**

All figures should be entered in thousands of Swiss francs (CHF 1,000s). Reporting institutions may state figures to as many decimal places as they wish. If the figure for a particular entry is zero, the entry field should be left blank. No zero entries may be made. If a value is less than the unit required, a fractional amount must be stated using decimal places.

**III. Description of categories**

Item	Category	
1.	<b>TRANSPORT SERVICES I: reporting company as agent</b> (Transport services are procured from third-party providers)	<b>Description</b> <u>1.1 Resident customer, non-resident transport operator (expenses only)</u> Expenses of a freight forwarding or logistics company (acting as agent) for transport services provided by a non-resident transport operator on behalf and at the expense of a resident customer.  <u>1.2 Non-resident customer, resident transport operator</u> Receipts of a freight forwarding or logistics company (acting as agent) from brokerage and transport services provided by a resident transport operator on behalf and at the expense of a non-resident customer. Expenses of a freight forwarding or logistics company (acting as agent) for transport services provided by a resident transport operator on behalf and at the expense of a non-resident customer.  <u>1.3 Non-resident customer, non-resident transport operator</u> Receipts of a freight forwarding or logistics company (acting as agent) from brokerage and transport services provided by a non-resident transport operator on behalf and at the expense of a non-resident customer. Expenses of a freight forwarding or logistics company (acting as agent) for transport services provided by a non-resident transport operator on behalf and at the expense of a non-resident customer.

		<p><u>1.X.1 to 1.X.5 Modes of transport</u>  Transport services are to be broken down by mode of transport:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Air</li> <li>2. Rail</li> <li>3. Road</li> <li>4. Sea</li> <li>5. Inland waterway</li> </ol> <p><b>Note</b> -</p>
2.	<p><b>TRANSPORT SERVICES II: reporting company as direct provider</b>  (Transport where transport services are provided directly by the reporting company for the customer)</p>	<p><b>Description (receipts only)</b>  <u>Non-resident customer, resident transport operator</u>  Receipts of a freight forwarding or logistics company (acting as direct provider) from transport services provided directly by the reporting company on behalf and at the expense of a non-resident customer.</p> <p><u>2.1 to 2.5 Modes of transport</u>  Transport services are to be broken down by mode of transport:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Air</li> <li>2. Rail</li> <li>3. Road</li> <li>4. Sea</li> <li>5. Inland waterway</li> </ol> <p><b>Note</b> -</p>
3.	<p><b>FREIGHT FORWARDING AND LOGISTICS SERVICES I: reporting company as agent</b>  (Freight forwarding and logistics services are procured from third-party providers)</p>	<p><b>Description</b>  This includes all freight transport-related services such as: Brokerage, pilotage, air traffic control, cleaning performed in ports and airports on transport equipment, salvage operations, storage and warehousing, navigational aid, leasing (rental) or charters of transport equipment with crew, etc.</p> <p><u>3.1 Resident customer, non-resident freight forwarding or logistics company (expenses only)</u>  Expenses of a freight forwarding or logistics company (acting as agent) for freight forwarding and logistics services provided by a non-resident freight forwarding or logistics company on behalf and at the expense of a resident customer.</p>

		<p><u>3.2 Non-resident customer, non-resident freight forwarding or logistics company</u>  Receipts of a freight forwarding or logistics company (acting as agent) from freight forwarding and logistics services provided by a non-resident freight forwarding or logistics company on behalf and at the expense of a non-resident customer.  Expenses of a freight forwarding or logistics company (acting as agent) for freight forwarding and logistics services provided by a non-resident freight forwarding or logistics company on behalf and at the expense of a non-resident customer.</p> <p><u>3.X.1 to 3.X.6 Modes of transport</u>  Freight forwarding and logistics services are to be broken down by mode of transport. Where an allocation of services is not possible, report under 'Not allocated' (3.X.6):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Air</li> <li>2. Rail</li> <li>3. Road</li> <li>4. Sea</li> <li>5. Inland waterway</li> <li>6. Not allocated</li> </ol> <p><i>Excluding:</i>  Leasing (rental) and charters of transport equipment, without crew -&gt; Operating leasing (cf. General survey, 9.3.4)</p> <p><b>Note</b>  -</p>
4.	<p><b>FREIGHT FORWARDING AND LOGISTICS SERVICES II: reporting company as direct provider</b>  (Freight forwarding and logistics services provided directly by the reporting company for the customer)</p>	<p><b>Description (receipts only)</b>  This includes all freight transport-related services such as: Brokerage, pilotage, air traffic control, cleaning performed in ports and airports on transport equipment, salvage operations, storage and warehousing, navigational aid, leasing (rental) or charters of transport equipment with crew, etc.</p> <p><u>Non-resident customer, resident freight forwarding or logistics company (receipts only)</u>  Receipts of a freight forwarding or logistics company (acting as direct provider) from freight forwarding and logistics services provided directly by the reporting company on behalf and at the expense of a non-resident customer.</p> <p><u>4.1 to 4.6 Modes of transport</u>  Freight forwarding and logistics services are to be broken down by mode of transport. Where an allocation of services is not possible, report under 'Not allocated' (4.6):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Air</li> <li>2. Rail</li> <li>3. Road</li> </ol>

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*Excluding:*

Leasing (rental) and charters of transport equipment, without crew -> Operating leasing (cf. General survey, 9.3.4)

**Note**

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