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Revision of balance sheet statistics

The introduction of the new accounting rules for banks (ARB), FINMA-Circ. 15/01) will result in substantial adjustments to the content of the Swiss National Bank's (SNB) banking statistics. The new accounting rules will alter the breakdown and the content of both the balance sheets and the income statements of banks.

The most important data source for the SNB's statistical surveys are the banks' balance sheets. This is why it became necessary to make adjustments to these surveys to reflect the new ARB. The SNB is carrying out the revised surveys for the first time for the reporting month of November 2015. As a result of the comprehensive changes to the content, 'Monthly Bulletin on Banking Statistics' data for the reporting month of November 2015 will not be released in January 2016, only becoming available in February 2016, when they will appear together with the data for the reporting month of December 2015 on the SNB data portal (<https://data.snb.ch>). The 'Monthly Bulletin of Banking Statistics', in its current form, will therefore be published for the last time on 21 December 2015. In this regard, cf. also the SNB's press release '[Swiss National Bank's new data portal](#)' of 27 August 2015.

Notes on the most important changes in the accounting rules and their impact on the balance sheet statistics may be found on the following website: www.snb.ch, *Statistics/Revision BAG/Balance sheet statistics*.

