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Important monetary policy data for the week ending 25 March 2005

Assets and liabilities of the SNB of relevance for monetary policy

Assets (in CHF millions)	25 March 2005	Changes from previous week
Claims from main financing and fine-tuning transactions	20'503.0	+1'099.0
Claims from the liquidity-shortage financing facility	6.0	-324.0
Liabilities (in CHF millions)		
Banknotes in circulation	37'252.8	+813.6
Sight deposit accounts of domestic banks	4'223.6	-516.8
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
21.03.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.75000%	2.74%
22.03.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.75000%	2.63%
23.03.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.75667%	2.63%
24.03.05	0.25% - 1.25%	0.75667%	2.66%
25.03.05	-	-	-

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) ²

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

25.02.05	5'323	24.03.05	4'504
04.03.05	4'998		
11.03.05	4'836		
18.03.05	4'767		
Final figure Period	4'766		

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
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
20.01.05 - 19.02.05	7'343	9'343	4'462	4'881	127

³ Sum of notes/coins and sight deposits

Repo Overnight Index (SNB)

Date	Reference rate (weighted) ⁴	Daily high	Daily low	Trading volume in CHF millions	Number of transactions
21.03.05	0.63%	0.67%	0.60%	4'670	66
22.03.05	0.63%	0.68%	0.55%	2'736	52
23.03.05	0.66%	0.70%	0.61%	3'827	66
24.03.05	0.75%	0.80%	0.60%	5'597	81
25.03.05	-	-	-	-	-

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	Type	Price ⁶	Bids	Allocation
21.03.05	CP	1W	23.03.05	30.03.05	R-auction	0.63%	39'235	4'500
22.03.05	CP	1W	24.03.05	31.03.05	R-auction	0.63%	44'216	6'201
23.03.05	CP	1W	29.03.05	05.04.05	R-auction	0.63%	39'900	5'201
24.03.05	CP	1W	29.03.05	05.04.05	R-auction	0.64%	47'615	5'401

⁵ CP = cash provider CHF; CT = cash taker CHF

⁶ for bilateral transactions: average rate; for swaps: premium or discount (Pips)