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Announcement: New survey documents

Re: «Company XYZ», «code»

Dear Sir/Madam

«Company XYZ», «code», is currently required to report information for the **survey on assets and liabilities (vis-à-vis third parties) abroad (GUTQ2)**. The Swiss National Bank (SNB) will be replacing this survey in 2014 as part of a revision to the survey concept. Currently, companies are required to report information separately in the direct investment surveys (INVE/INVU) and the survey on assets and liabilities «(vis-à-vis third parties)» abroad (GUTQ2); in the revised concept, this information will be merged in a single survey.

Page three of this letter contains an overview of the relevant changes to:

- Surveys/duty to report (table 1)
- Company required to report (table 2)
- Relevant survey recipient (table 3).

The new surveys must be completed from the perspective of the entire **group in Switzerland**¹. This marks a change from the current GUTQ2 survey, which is completed from the perspective of **individual companies in Switzerland**.

If you are not in agreement with the changes suggested in tables 2 and 3, please e-mail us (investmentBOP@snb.ch) by the end of November 2013. It is important that the new survey recipient has the information necessary to complete the surveys.²

¹ Special case: Individual companies in Switzerland (not parent companies or subsidiaries in Switzerland) are newly classified as self-contained groups.

This change is necessary in order to meet new international standards from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on drawing up the balance of payments, the international investment position, and the statistics on direct investment. Furthermore, the new surveys comply with the requirements of the bilateral statistical agreement with the EU.

If you have any questions on the new survey concept, please e-mail us at investmentBOP@snb.ch or telephone Alexander Flühmann (+41 44 631 34 84).

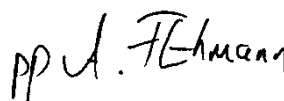
Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Swiss National Bank



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A background note on the objectives of the revision and the differences compared to the existing surveys can be found www.snb.ch, *Statistics/Revision of financial account surveys (investmentBOP)*.

A list of all the items in the new surveys (INP, INQ, INA), including associated notes, is also provided. The definitive surveys will be published at a later date. We reserve the right to change selected items and the presentation of the survey forms.

Overview of changes regarding surveys, duty to report and survey recipients

The following three tables are based on the current information available to us, and are therefore subject to change. If changes are made between now and the introduction of the new survey forms, these will be taken into consideration, and recipients' duty to report will be adjusted accordingly.

Table 1: Changes to surveys

Annual surveys		
Current duty to report (until 31 December 2013)		New duty to report (as of 31 December 2014)
«Code»	«Code»	«Code»
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • «ZX01 (INVE Basic data)» • «Z101 (INVE Direct investment abroad)» • «Z201 (INVE Foreign direct investment in Switzerland and Liechtenstein)» 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • «INP (Cross-border participations)» • «INA (Cross-border capital linkages)»
Quarterly surveys		
Current duty to report (until 30 June 2014)		New duty to report (as of 30 September 2014)
«Code»	«Code»	«Code»
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • «Q400/Q500 (GUTQ2 Assets and liabilities (vis-à-vis third parties) abroad)» 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • «Q101 (INVU Direct investment abroad) • «Q201 (INVU Foreign direct investment in Switzerland and Liechtenstein)» 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • «INQ (Cross-border capital linkages)»

Table 2: Companies with duty to report

Companies currently with duty to report (for companies) (until 30 June 2014)	Companies with new duty to report (for groups) (as of 30 September 2014/31 December 2014)

Table 3: Survey recipients

Current survey recipient (until 30 June 2014)	New survey recipient (as of 30 September/31 December 2014)