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## **SNB Bills – Issue Conditions**

The Swiss National Bank issues – either by auction or by private placement – tradable money market debt register claims (referred to hereinafter as ‘SNB Bills’) according to the following conditions and the conditions of a specific issue.

By submitting an offer – or, in the case of a private placement, by participating in the subscription procedure – the participant declares that he agrees to these conditions and to the conditions set out for a specific issue.

Restrictions:

The distribution of these Issue Conditions and any modifications and the offering, sale and transfer of SNB Bills in or from certain countries may be subject to legal restrictions. Persons into whose possession these Issue Conditions and any modifications come are required to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions. The SNB does not accept any responsibility and/or liability in relation to the distribution of these Conditions and the offering, sale or transfer of SNB Bills in any country. No action has been or will be taken by the SNB to initiate a procedure, for example, to approve or register the offering of SNB Bills in any country where such action is required.

These Issue Conditions do not constitute an offer to subscribe for, sell or transfer SNB Bills in those countries where such an offer is subject to legal restrictions.

**European Economic Area:** These Issue Conditions have been drawn up on the assumption that no offer is made in a member state of the European Economic Area for which the law of that member state requires a prospectus within the meaning of the EU Prospectus Directive.

**United Kingdom:** Moreover, these Issue Conditions have been drawn up on the assumption that no offer is made in the United Kingdom which does not comply with the requirements of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and its implementing provisions.

**United States of America:** SNB Bills are not and will not be registered according to the US Securities Act of 1933 (including amendments). They may not, therefore, be offered, sold or transferred either in the United States of America or to ‘US persons’ as defined in US regulations.

**Issuer:**

<b>Company, registered office, purpose</b>	The Swiss National Bank is a special-statute joint-stock company established under the Federal Act on the Swiss National Bank (hereinafter the ‘NBA’), with its registered office in Zurich and Berne. It was entered in the commercial register on 6 June 1907 and conducts Switzerland’s monetary policy as an independent central bank.
<b>Share capital, dividend</b>	The share capital, which totals CHF 25 million, is divided into 100,000 registered shares with a nominal value of CHF 250 each. The transferability of the shares is restricted under the terms of art. 26 NBA. The dividends paid in the past years are disclosed in the annual financial report of the year to which they pertain.
<b>Annual financial report, auditors’ report, interim results</b>	The annual financial report and auditors’ report of the issuer can be viewed at <a href="http://www.snb.ch/en/i/about/pub/annrep/id/pub_annrep">http://www.snb.ch/en/i/about/pub/annrep/id/pub_annrep</a> . The issuer publishes quarterly interim results at <a href="http://www.snb.ch/en/i/about/snb/annacc/id/snb_annac_intermediate">http://www.snb.ch/en/i/about/snb/annacc/id/snb_annac_intermediate</a> . These documents can also be obtained free of charge from the issuer (Swiss National Bank, General Secretariat, P.O. Box, CH-8022 Zurich, email: <a href="mailto:gs.zh@snb.ch">gs.zh@snb.ch</a> ).

**SNB Bills:**

<b>Amount</b>	Fixed at the issuer’s discretion at the end of the subscription period.
<b>Currency</b>	CHF.
<b>Interest</b>	Discount basis; on the redemption date, the nominal amount less any withholding tax is paid.
<b>Issue price</b>	According to the conditions of a specific issue.
<b>Denomination</b>	CHF 1 million.
<b>Subscription period</b>	According to the conditions of a specific issue.
<b>Auction or private placement</b>	<p>SNB Bills are either offered for subscription or are privately placed. With private placement, the subscription modalities are agreed individually.</p> <p>If SNB Bills are offered for subscription, the following auction terms apply.</p> <p>Offers must be submitted to the issuer within the subscription period as ‘orders’ via the SIX Repo Ltd electronic ‘OTC Spot Market’.</p> <p>The auction is conducted by one of the two following procedures:</p> <p><b>Volume tender (fixed rate tender):</b> The issuer defines the issue price. With his offer, each participant submits the amount for which he is willing to accept SNB Bills at the issue price. Individual offers must amount to at least CHF 1 million.</p>

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**Variable rate tender:** With his offer, each participant submits the amount for which he is willing to accept SNB Bills and the price he is willing to pay. The price must be indicated as a percentage of the nominal amount (basis: 100%, the number of decimal places depends on the conditions of the individual issue). Each participant may submit any desired number of offers, which may also contain different prices. Offers without a price are not admitted. The issuer may set a minimum and/or a maximum price for offers. Individual offers must amount to at least CHF 1 million.

At the end of the subscription period, the offer is binding on the participant until allotment by the issuer.

The issuer reserves the right to withdraw a planned issue during or after the subscription period right up to the time of allotment.

#### Allotment

**Volume tender (fixed rate tender):** If the total amount of all offers received exceeds the auction volume defined by the issuer, the latter makes a proportional reduction per participant when allotting the SNB Bills. The amount allotted to each participant is rounded up or down to the next multiple of the denomination of the SNB Bills at the issuer's discretion.

**Variable rate tender:**

a) **Dutch auction (single rate auction):** SNB Bills are consistently allotted at the lowest price accepted by the issuer to those participants who have offered that or a higher price. Offers that exceed the lowest price accepted by the issuer are fully satisfied. If the total amount of offers at the lowest accepted price exceeds the remaining amount to be allotted, the latter is allotted proportionally to the participants with the corresponding offers according to the ratio between the remaining amount to be allotted and the total amount of these offers. The amount allotted to each participant is rounded up or down to the next multiple of the denomination of the SNB Bills at the issuer's discretion. Offers that fall short of the lowest price accepted by the issuer are not considered.

b) **American auction (multiple rate auction):** SNB Bills are allotted – at the price stated in the individual offer – to those participants who have offered at least the lowest price accepted by the issuer. Offers that exceed the lowest price accepted are fully satisfied. If the total amount of offers at the lowest accepted price exceeds the remaining amount to be allotted, the latter is allotted proportionally to the participants with the corresponding offers according to the ratio between the remaining amount to be allotted and the total amount of these offers. The amount allotted to each participant is rounded up or down to the next multiple of the denomination of the SNB Bills at the issuer's discretion. Offers that fall short of the lowest price accepted by the issuer are not considered.

The SNB Bills are allotted by the issuer after the subscription period has ended.

#### Participation

All parties who have a sight deposit account with the issuer and who are authorised to participate in the SIX Repo Ltd 'CH Repo Market' and 'OTC Spot Market' are eligible to participate in auctions.

#### Payment

According to the conditions of a specific issue.

The payment obligation for the amount of the total price of the SNB Bills allotted arises when the issuer allots the SNB Bills.

Payment is made 'delivery versus payment' via the participant's sight deposit account with the issuer.

If an amount payable, or part thereof, is not received by the issuer until after the specified payment date, default interest is charged on the amount outstanding as defined in the default provisions in the latest version of the 'Instruction sheet on the liquidity-shortage financing facility'.

The issuer does not send any confirmation by post.

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<b>Issue result</b>	The issuer is not obliged to publish the result of the issue.
<b>Entry in the register</b>	<p>SNB Bills are issued as uncertificated securities as per art. 973c of the Swiss Code of Obligations and held at SIX SIS Ltd, Olten (hereinafter ‘SIS’) as intermediated securities. The allotment of SNB Bills is evidenced in the securities accounts holdings which SIS keeps for participants.</p> <p>The issuer has the right to inspect the main register and the securities accounts SIS keeps for participants.</p>
<b>Transferability</b>	SNB Bills are transferable in denominations of CHF 1 million. The transfer of SNB Bills is governed by the regulations applicable to intermediated securities.
<b>Redemption</b>	<p>According to the conditions of a specific issue.</p> <p>Redemption is effected by SIS to the participants according to the holdings in the securities accounts by crediting their sight deposit accounts held with the issuer. For the issuer, redemption to the SIS participants has a discharging effect with respect to these participants and/or their clients.</p> <p>If an expiry does not fall on a Swiss Interbank Clearing (hereinafter ‘SIC’) clearing day, the corresponding amounts are credited on the next SIC clearing day.</p>
<b>Repurchase</b>	<p>The issuer has the right to repurchase SNB Bills for its own investment, resale or redemption purposes at any time during the term of the Bills.</p> <p>During the term of the SNB Bills, the creditors are not authorised to resell SNB Bills to the issuer or to terminate SNB Bills.</p>
<b>Taxes</b>	<p><u>Federal stamp tax on issue of securities</u>: This tax – if applicable – is borne by the issuer.</p> <p><u>Federal stamp tax on transfer of securities</u>: SNB Bills with a term of not more than 12 months are exempt from this tax.</p> <p><u>Withholding tax</u>: The income is subject to withholding tax. Withholding tax will be deducted by the issuer and transferred to the Swiss Federal Tax Administration. The tax is not payable if, at the time of redemption, the SNB Bills are held by a bank, according to Swiss or foreign banking legislation, for its own account. Foreign banks are credited without deduction of any withholding tax only if they have explicitly confirmed to the issuer that they are holding the SNB Bills for their own account. If the legally valid confirmation is not delivered to the issuer (SWIFT MT299, or letter preceded by email to Swiss National Bank, Back Office, Corp. Actions &amp; Collateral Management, P.O. Box, CH-8022 Zurich) at the latest one bank working day (12.00 noon CET) prior to maturity, withholding tax will be deducted.</p>
<b>Inclusion in the list of collateral eligible for SNB repos</b>	The SNB Bills will be included in the list of collateral eligible for SNB repos.
<b>Applicable law, place of jurisdiction</b>	SNB Bills, in particular their establishment, conditions, terms and form, are governed by Swiss law, excluding any conflicts of law provisions. The exclusive place of jurisdiction is Zurich (Switzerland).

These issue conditions and the conditions of a specific issue of SNB Bills shall be published at [http://www.snb.ch/en/ifor/finmkt/operat/id/finmkt\\_bills](http://www.snb.ch/en/ifor/finmkt/operat/id/finmkt_bills). These documents can also be obtained free of charge from the issuer (Swiss National Bank, Money Market, P.O. Box, CH-8022 Zurich, email: [moneymarket@snb.ch](mailto:moneymarket@snb.ch)).