

Memorandum

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Issuing of Riksbank certificates

Background

Since 6 October, the Riksbank has offered loans in Swedish kronor to the Riksbank's monetary policy counterparties against collateral. This has improved the banks' liquidity. The liquid funds the Riksbank has thus supplied to the banks have created a liquidity surplus in the banking system in relation to the Riksbank. The banks have until now deposited this surplus in accounts with the Riksbank overnight.

One alternative for the Riksbank to withdraw this surplus is to issue Riksbank certificates. This would facilitate trade in the interbank market.

Proposed decision

It is proposed that the Executive Board decide that

1. The Riksbank will issue Riksbank certificates and offer these for sale in accordance with the following.

Maturity: Seven days
Interest: The repo rate

A first auction shall take place on Tuesday, 14 October.

Issues of the new certificate will then be made every Tuesday until further notice.

- 2. The Riksbank will cease its weekly monetary policy repo transactions.
- 3. The Head of the Monetary Policy Department is given the task of determining the issue terms in greater detail and is authorised to sign the agreements required for the certificates to be listed on the stock exchange.