

Press Release

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New statistics on the government's and the Riksbank's liquidity in foreign currency

The Riksbank will today present fresh statistics regarding the government's and the Riksbank's liquidity in foreign currency. The new figures, which will only be published on the Riksbank's web site, show the government's and the Riksbank's payment flows in foreign currency over the next twelve-month period. These figures covers payment flows as a result of amortisation, interest payments and forward contracts, as well as potential payment flows in foreign currency that are brought about by contracts regarding credit lines/commitments, guarantees, etc.

These new statistics form part of the statistics standard – SDDS – set up by the International Monetary Fund, IMF. The figures are thus a requirement of the countries which have adopted SDDS, currently around 40 countries. The purpose of this is that the openness inherent in the new requirements will lead to increased predictability with regard to payment flows in foreign currency by the governments and central banks and that any imbalances will be detected at an early stage.

The presentation of the figures follows the IMF standard, which means that amounts are given in USD. The statistics will be published on a monthly basis, with a maximum time lag of one month.

The statistics are published on the Riksbank's web site, www.riksbank.se, under the heading Statistics/International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity.

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