



International reserve assets and foreign currency liquidity

Sources

The statistics are prepared on the basis of information from the departments Accounting and Government Debt Accounting of Danmarks Nationalbank together with monthly reports from the entities guaranteed by the central government (the Kingdom of Denmark Mortgage Bank (which as from January 1999 gradually phases out its activities), A/S Storebæltsforbindelsen, A/S Øresundsforbindelsen and Øresundsbro Konsortiet).

Compilation method

Data are compiled in accordance with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) operational guidelines: Template on International Reserve Assets and Foreign Currency Liquidity. This statistics on international reserve assets differ from Danmarks Nationalbank's financial balance sheet in several ways. It is more detailed and the compilation is based on different principles. Besides information on the Nationalbank's foreign assets the extended specification also covers information on predetermined receipts and expenditures in foreign currency, including central government's predetermined expenditures in foreign currency, and supplementary information on e.g. assets provided or received as collateral.

Tables 2 and 3 cover future receipts and expenditures in foreign currency regarding the foreign accounts of the Nationalbank and the central government. Unsettled spot foreign exchange transactions are included under the item: "Other" in table 2.

The figures in tables 1 and 3 are valued at market prices i.e. the assets are valued at the prevailing prices on the reference date. The valuation of assets also includes interest earnings, as accrued. The figures in the other tables are reported in nominal value (end of month exchange rates). In table 1 gold is entered at the price quoted at the last gold fixing of the month in London.

In table 3 the currencies in the SDR basket now include the U.S. dollar, the euro, the Japanese yen, and the pound sterling.

Deviations to the official foreign-exchange reserve

The statistics on the Nationalbank's reserve assets in table 1 deviate from the official reserve assets in the financial balance sheet published on the second banking day of each month on the Nationalbank's website (under "Press releases"). The difference is due to the following two circumstances:

- The reserve assets in the financial balance sheet are reported at book value whereas this compilation are based on market values. The differences correspond to the "Valuation adjustments, etc.", cf. table 1.
- In the compilation of the official reserve assets drawn from the financial balance sheet the foreign liabilities are deducted from the foreign ex-

change assets, cf. table 3 in the tables supplement on "Specification on the Nationalbank's monthly balance sheet", available on the Nationalbank's website.