

# Terms of the central government's Securities Lending Facility

The purpose of the central government's securities lending facility (SLF) is to continuously support a liquid and well-functioning Danish government bond market and strengthen market efficiency.

Primary dealers in Danish government bonds and treasury bills have the right to use the SLF, where primary dealers can borrow Danish government securities collateralized against other Danish government securities. Primary dealers are required to do market making in Danish government securities, to make every effort to support a well-functioning market, and to prevent occurrences of market failures, i.e. be obliged to generally display good code of conduct

Information on the terms of the central-government securities lending facility is given below.

## **The central government's Securities Lending Facility**

1. The lending facility applies to all government securities.
2. The specific terms for lending in the individual government securities are published in the central-government's announcements concerning all issues.
3. For government bonds with a remaining maturity longer than one month, the lending facility is available for primary dealers in Danish government bonds.
4. For T-bills, the lending facility is available for primary dealers in Danish T-bills.
5. In normal circumstances the maximum lending in bond series is DKK 4 billion and the maximum lending in all T-bills is DKK 10 billion. However, these limits may be raised in the event of abnormal price formation on the market for securities lending.
6. The fee is 0.2 per cent per year for securities lending of government bonds and T-bills with settlement on the following trading day. In case of same-day settlement, the fee is 0.3 per cent per year for bonds and T-bills.
7. The lending facility is available as buy-/sell-back transactions. Participants borrow in one buy-/sell-back transaction and lend (provide collateral) in another buy-/sell-back transaction.
8. The securities may be borrowed for a period from 1 to 5 trading days.
9. Transactions can be made during the day between 9.00 a.m. (CET) and 2.30 p.m. (CET), but should, as far as possible, be concluded

before 2.00 p.m. (CET). Settlement instructions must be submitted on the trade date before 3.00 p.m. (CET).

10. Lending in securities is granted in the order that requests to Danmarks Nationalbank are received from security dealers on the relevant day. The right to make discretionary allocations is reserved if deemed appropriate.
11. Danish government securities denominated in Danish kroner issued via Euronext Securities Copenhagen (formerly VP Securities) in series with an outstanding amount of at least DKK 3 billion are accepted as collateral.
12. A haircut of 2.5 per cent is applied to each buy-/sell-back transaction. Hence, the market price of the security lend by the central government is raised by 2.5 per cent and the market price of the security provided as collateral by the borrower is lowered by 2.5 per cent.
13. Transactions are settled as trading transactions in the Euronext Securities Copenhagen (formerly VP Securities) system.
14. In case settlement only succeeds for one of the buy-/sell-back transactions, be that the lending transaction or the collateral transaction as it may, borrowers are obliged to ensure immediate settlement of the failed transaction.
15. Government Debt Management may from time to time amend the terms and conditions applicable to the central-government's Securities Lending Facility to reflect market practice and ensure a well-functioning securities lending facility. Government Debt Management informs primary dealers at least one week prior to implementation of any change to the terms of the lending facility.
16. Any enquiries concerning securities lending transactions should be made to Danmarks Nationalbank, Market Operations, on tel. +45 3363 6536 or +45 3363 6736.