

NOTICE TO MERCHANT BANKS

Weekly Report on S\$ Transactions

1 This Notice is issued pursuant to section 55(1) as applied by section 55ZJ(1) of the Banking Act (Cap 19) (the “Act”) and applies to all merchant banks in Singapore (“Merchant Banks”).

2 The expressions used in this Notice, except where expressly defined in this Notice or where the context otherwise requires, have the same meanings as in the Act.

3 A Merchant Bank must submit a weekly report on S\$ transactions using the template at Appendix 1, and must ensure that the report is completed in accordance with the “Notes For Completion Of The Weekly Report On Singapore Dollar Transactions” at Appendix 2.

4 A Merchant Bank must submit the S\$ weekly reports to the Authority via MASNET by 1700 hours on the working day immediately after the end of each reporting week. For the purposes of this paragraph, each reporting week starts on a Monday.

5 The Authority may, if it deems necessary, require more frequent submission of the report.

6 This Notice takes effect on 1 July 2021.

Appendix 1

WEEKLY REPORT ON S\$ TRANSACTIONS (via online submission)

FOR WEEK BEGINNING _____ (Monday)

Name of Merchant Bank : _____ Merchant Bank Code : _____

Officer-in-charge : _____ Tel : _____

SECTION A SPOT TRANSACTIONS FOR THE WEEK

S\$ million

	PURCHASES						SALES				
	Banks in S'pore	Banks Outside S'pore	Non-Bank Customers in S'pore	Non-Bank Customers Outside S'pore	Total		Banks in S'pore	Banks Outside S'pore	Non-Bank Customers in S'pore	Non-Bank Customers Outside S'pore	Total
US\$/S\$											
Other Currencies/ S\$											
Total											

SECTION B OUTRIGHT FORWARD TRANSACTIONS FOR THE WEEK

S\$ million

	PURCHASES						SALES				
	Banks in S'pore	Banks Outside S'pore	Non-Bank Customers in S'pore	Non-Bank Customers Outside S'pore	Total		Banks in S'pore	Banks Outside S'pore	Non-Bank Customers in S'pore	Non-Bank Customers Outside S'pore	Total
US\$/S\$											
Other Currencies/ S\$											
Total											

SECTION C NET OPEN S\$ FX POSITION

Position as at end of week (S\$ million) = _____ [Long S\$ (+)/Short S\$ (-)]

**NOTES FOR COMPLETION OF THE
WEEKLY REPORT ON SINGAPORE DOLLAR TRANSACTIONS**

1 A Merchant Bank must report its foreign exchange (FX) transactions against the Singapore dollar (S\$) on a weekly basis using the template at Appendix 1. A Merchant Bank must submit the completed reports¹ via MASNET to the Authority by 1700 hours on the working day immediately after the end of the reporting week. For the purposes of this paragraph, each reporting week starts on a Monday.

SECTIONS A & B OF REPORT

2 Purchases refer to purchases of foreign currency against S\$ and sales refer to sales of foreign currency against S\$. A Merchant Bank must report the actual S\$ equivalent. A Merchant Bank must ensure that all amounts are reported to the nearest S\$ million and the reports are based on trade dates².

3 A Merchant Bank must report all FX transactions, whether done direct or through brokers, of at least US\$1 million each. Subject to the US\$1 million threshold, a Merchant Bank must include in FX transactions with non-bank customers, all transactions in demand drafts, travellers cheques, telegraphic transfers, mail transfers, bills of exchange and currency notes. A Merchant Bank need not report internal FX transactions³ within the Merchant Bank.

¹Including nil returns, where applicable.

²For example, if a trade is transacted in Week 1 (ie. trade date in Week 1) but its value date falls in Week 2, the trade should be included in the report for Week 1 and not Week 2.

³ Internal FX transactions refer to transactions between units within the reporting institution and exclude transactions with overseas branches, head offices and/or other subsidiaries within the group.

4 "Banks in Singapore" refer to all banks in Singapore and all Merchant Banks. "Banks outside Singapore" include all banks other than a bank in Singapore and all merchant banks other than a Merchant Bank.

5 Spot transactions refer to all transactions with value dates of up to 2 working days from the date of original transaction. They exclude the spot leg of a FX swap transaction and outright forward transaction reported previously, which, because time has elapsed, now have remaining maturities or value dates of up to 2 working days.

6 Outright forward transactions refer to all transactions with value dates of more than 2 working days from the date of original transaction. They exclude the forward leg of a FX swap transaction.

SECTION C OF REPORT

7 A Merchant Bank must also report, as at the end of each reporting week, its net open S\$ FX position accumulated through trading spot, outright forward and other FX transactions⁴ (eg. FX options). A Merchant Bank should exclude positions that have been closed out or hedged in the net open S\$ FX position reported.

⁴ The net open S\$ FX position reported should include S\$ FX positions accumulated by the trading units through internal FX transactions.