# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE RIKSBANK'S PURCHASES OF GOVERNMENT BONDS AND TREASURY BILLS VIA BID PROCEDURE 2021:1



These general terms and conditions ("General terms") apply as of and including 8 January 2021 for the Riksbank's purchases of government bonds and treasury bills by means of bid procedures and replace the earlier general terms and conditions for the Riksbank's purchases of government bonds via bid procedure 2016:1.

Special terms.

The date for making bids, which is stated in the

Nasdaqs GlobeNewswire system for receiving and distributing information in the Swedish money and bond markets or another electronic system for receiving and/or spreading information that the

The Riksbank's purchases of Bonds and/or Treasury

Riksbank has specially assigned.

bills on the respective Bid dates.

#### 1. Definitions

"Bid date"

"Information system"

"Purchases"

	Special terms.
"Bid times"	The times for making bids, which are stated in the Special terms.
"Registration"	The procedure by which Counterparties register their interest in taking part in the bid procedures.
"Bloomberg Bond Auction System"	Bloomberg Bond Auction System is the system that will be used for the bid procedures.
"Banking day"	Monday to Friday that is not a holiday in Sweden, except Midsummer Eve, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.
"Requested volume"	The volume, or the interval of volume, of Bonds or Treasury bills requested for Purchase by the Riksbank in accordance with the Special terms for the respective Bid date.

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"Delivery and payment date"

The second Banking day after the Bid date.

"Counterparties" Counterparties accepted by the Riksbank in

accordance with point 4. below.

"Bond" A government bond that has been issued by the

state of Sweden through the Swedish National Debt Office, and is requested for Purchase as stated in

the Special terms.

"Monetary Policy Counterparties" Counterparties covered by the definition Monetary

Policy Counterparties in the Riksbank's Terms and

Conditions for RIX and Monetary Policy

Instruments.

"Final volume" The volume of Bonds and/or Treasury bills that the

Riksbank, after the Bid times have expired on the respective Bid date, decides shall be purchased by the Riksbank on such Bid date. The Final volume is within the Requested volume, when the Requested

Volume is stated as an interval.

Treasury bill A government treasury bill that has been issued by

the state of Sweden through the Swedish National Debt Office, and is requested for Purchase as stated

in the Special terms.

"Special terms" The special terms and conditions that are

applicable to the respective Bid date.

#### 2. Method of purchase

Purchases are by means of a bid procedure with differentiated pricing on allocation (multiple price method, i.e. each bid that receives an allocation receives it at the rate bid). Bids shall be made by Counterparties in the Bloomberg Bond Auction System.

# 3. Notification of Purchases and Special terms

Prior to Purchase, the Riksbank will notify on its website and via the Information system – or by another means determined by the Riksbank – the Bond(s) and/or the Treasury bill(s) requested for Purchase, the Bid date, the Requested volume, the Bid times and the Delivery and payment date ("Special terms"). Special terms for bonds are normally notified at the latest one Banking day prior to the Bid date. Special terms for treasury bills are normally notified one Banking day prior to the Bid date.

## 4. Counterparties

The Counterparties who are eligible to make a bid in the Riksbank's Bonds and Treasury bills Purchase are those of the Riksbank's Monetary Policy Counterparties (as defined in the



Riksbank's Terms and Conditions for RIX and Monetary Policy Instruments) and the Swedish National Debt Office's current primary dealers in Bonds and Treasury bills covered by the current Purchase, from whom the Riksbank has received a complete Registration no later than at 11 the Banking day prior to the Bid date.

Counterparties must meet the requirements for Monetary Policy Counterparties or the Swedish National Debt Office's primary dealers of government bonds or treasury bills on both the date of the Registration and the Bid date. The Riksbank reserves the right to depart from the requirements in this section. If a Registration has been presented by a Counterparty that is not one of the Riksbank's Monetary Policy Counterparties, but meets the requirements for being a primary dealer in Bonds or Treasury bills covered by the Bid procedure may submit Bids in the current Bid procedure only in the part of the procedure that concerns such Bonds or Treasury bills.

The Registration, and the information provided in this, are binding for the Counterparty and apply for all of the ensuing bid procedures.

Counterparties are obliged to ensure that persons representing them in the Bid procedure are authorised to do so and have the authority to make binding bids on behalf of the Counterparty.

A Counterparty is always bound by Bid(s) that have been made by using the Bloomberg Bond Auction System and the codes that have been stated in the Registration.

### 5. Bid procedure

Bids regarding rate and volume are made by the Counterparties via the Bloomberg Bond Auction System during the Bid times on the Bid date.

The Riksbank reserves the right to terminate the bid procedure, extend or postpone the Bid times, or designate a later Bid date. In such case, this will be communicated to the Counterparties as soon as possible.

Counterparties may make more than one bid per Bid date.

Bids shall include information about the desired volume and the rate bid. Volumes shall be stated in SEK 1,000,000 (corresponding nominal amount) or whole multiples thereof and may not exceed the Highest permitted bid volume or be lower than the Lowest permitted bid volume (such volumes are specified in the Special terms). The bid interest rate shall be expressed with a maximum of three decimals.

Bids made are binding for the Counterparty. Bids may not be withdrawn or changed by the Counterparty after the Bid times have expired. Bids are binding until the allocation result has been notified, in accordance with point 6. below, or until the bid procedure has been terminated by the Riksbank.

When the bid times have expired, the bids are ranked according to the offered interest rate. The Final volume is thereafter decided by the Riksbank. After this, the allocation is made. First the bids with the highest interest rate are allocated and thereafter follow the next highest bids and so on until the Final volume has been filled. If necessary to avoid exceeding the Final volume, the allocation for bids at the lowest interest rate accepted by the Riksbank is reduced, and if there is more than one bid at this rate, the reduction is made in proportion to the volume the Counterparty has stated in its bid(s). In the event of a reduction, the allocated volume is rounded down to a multiple of SEK 1,000,000 (corresponding nominal amount). The remaining bids will not receive any allocation.



The Riksbank reserves the right to reject bids, even if this would mean that the Final volume is lower than the Requested volume or even if it means that no allocation is made.

The Counterparty is obliged to deliver the allocated volume even if this is smaller than the volume offered in the Counterparty's bid.

### 6. Reporting allocation results

The allocation results will be notified via the Information system, or by another means determined by the Riksbank, normally no later than 10 minutes after the last time for making a bid. However, in the case of impediment, the Riksbank reserves the right to report the results at a later point in time. The allocation results will also be reported as soon as possible on the Riksbank's website.

## 7. Delivery and payment

On the Delivery and payment date, the delivery of the allocated Purchases of Bonds and/or Treasury bills will be made by the relevant Counterparty, and payment for the Purchase will be made by the Riksbank. The transaction will be through Euroclear Sweden AB's securities settlement system, in accordance with information provided by the Counterparty in its Registration and by the Riksbank in the Special Terms. The payment will be calculated in accordance with Swedish market practice.

Counterparties are obliged to ensure that the Bonds and/or Treasury bills supplied to the Riksbank have not been obtained from the Swedish National Debt Office to fulfil delivery.

# 8. Other matters concerning terms and conditions

If a party is not able to meet its full delivery or payment obligations, the party is obliged to compensate the other party for any damage, loss, claim, costs and expenditure the other party has suffered as a result of this failure.

If a Counterparty sells Bonds and/or Treasury bills to the Riksbank that in the Bid date did not fulfil the requirements in the General or Specific terms, the Riksbank has the right to cancel the Purchase of such Bonds or Treasury bills within two weeks of the Delivery and payment date.

Unless otherwise expressed in these General terms, the Riksbank's Terms and Conditions for RIX and Monetary Policy Instruments will apply as appropriate. If any of the terms and conditions in these General terms is incompatible with the Riksbank's Terms and Conditions for RIX and Monetary Policy Instruments, these General terms will take priority.

These General terms apply until further notice or until otherwise is notified by the Riksbank. The Riksbank reserves the right to make amendments to these General terms. Any such amendments will be notified to the Counterparties no later than at 15.00 on the Banking day prior to the relevant Bid date and will take immediate effect from (and including) the day the Riksbank gives such notice.