

DECISION

DATE: 26 March 2024
DEPARTMENT: Markets Department
EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS: Björn Andersson, Anders Kvist, Per Magnell, Carina Selander and Magnus Åhl
DNR: 2024-00494

Submission for the restoration of equity

The Riksbank's decision

The Riksbank decides to make a submission to the Riksdag for the restoration of equity in accordance with the [Annex](#) to this decision.

Grounds for the decision

Legal conditions

Pursuant to Chapter 8, Section 15 of the Sveriges Riksbank Act (2022:1568) (the Riksbank Act), the Riksbank shall make a submission to the Riksdag for the restoration of equity if equity is less than one third of the target level. The submission shall be for an amount that restores equity to the base level, unless unrealised gains on the balance sheet justify restoration to a lower level or not at all. If required to secure the Riksbank's ability to be self-financing in the long term, the submission may be for an amount corresponding, at most, to an amount that restores equity to the target level.

The Riksbank's motivation

The Riksbank's reported equity according to the Annual Report for the financial year 2023 is SEK -18,182 million.^{1 2} The negative equity is a result of the losses reported by the Riksbank for the financial year 2022.

Equity is below one third of the target level for the financial year 2023, SEK 62 600 million. The Riksbank shall therefore make a special submission to the Riksdag, as specified in Chapter 8, Article 15 of the Riksbank Act, for the restoration of equity.³

The Riksbank's submission, considerations and reasons for these are presented in the Annex to this decision.

On 15 March 2024, the General Council of the Riksbank was given the opportunity to comment on a draft of the submission.

This decision has been taken by the Executive Board (Governor Erik Thedéen, First Deputy Governor Anna Breman and Deputy Governors Per Jansson, Martin Flodén and Aino Bunge) following a presentation by Deputy Head of Department Lena Strömberg. General Counsel Ulrika Söderberg was involved in the final processing of the decision.

¹ According to the Riksbank's Annual Report for the financial year 2023, the inflation-adjusted target level for equity amounts to SEK 62,600 million and the base level, which is two-thirds of the inflation-adjusted target level, to SEK 41,733 million.

² For the financial year, the Riksbank makes a profit of SEK 16,191 million. After allocation of profit, the Riksbank's equity is expected to amount to SEK -1,991 million.

³ The preparatory work of the provision in Chapter 8, Section 15 of the Riksbank Act states that it is a prerequisite for a submission to restore equity that the *reported equity according to the annual report* is less than one third of the target level (Government Bill 2021/2022:41 p 245). The Annual Report is adopted by the Executive Board of the Riksbank in accordance with Chapter 8, Sections 2-3 and Section 4(1) of the Riksbank Act. The accounting item Profit for the year is not included in the item Equity in the accounts but is dealt with in the General Council's decision on the allocation of the profit for the year, which is not part of that year's annual report (Chapter 8, Section 4(2) and Section 6 of the Riksbank Act). The General Council's decision on the allocation of profit must be approved by the Riksdag before losses and gains are reflected in the reported equity, which is then deferred for one year under the accounting item Retained earnings. Thus, the losses in the financial year 2022 have not impacted reported equity until the financial year 2023.