

DECISION

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Framework for transaction-based reference rate SWESTR

The Riksbank's decision

The Riksbank decides to

1. adopt a framework for the transaction-based reference rate SWESTR as set out in the Annex with effect from 5 June 2025; and
2. repeal the Policy for transaction-based interest rate SWESTR (dnr 2024-01313) and the Rule for administration of SWESTR (dnr 2024-00452) in connection with the entry into force of this decision.

Grounds for the decision

Legal support

According to Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Sveriges Riksbank Act (SFS 2022:1568), the Riksbank may provide and publish benchmarks according to Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds and amending Directives 2008/48/EC and 2014/17/EU and Regulation (EU) No 596/2014. Furthermore, the same provision states that the Riksbank may charge fees from those who use benchmarks.

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The Riksbank has previously regulated the reference rate Swedish krona Short Term Rate (SWESTR) through two separate regulatory frameworks, an overall

Policy for transaction-based interest rate SWESTR (dnr 2024-01313) and a more detailed Rule for administration of SWESTR (dnr 2024-00452). The policy states that the Riksbank shall publish an information document containing relevant information about SWESTR and its framework.

A review of the regulatory frameworks for SWESTR has shown that there is considerable overlap and repetition between the policy documents that regulate the Riksbank's role as administrator. Furthermore, the delegation of responsibilities between the Riksbank's departments contained in the policy and the rule is included in the Instructions for Sveriges Riksbank. In light of this, the policy and the rule have now been merged and recast into a framework for the transaction-based reference rate SWESTR (the framework). In view of this, the rule and policy shall be repealed. The division of responsibility for SWESTR is now regulated in the Instructions for Sveriges Riksbank and all decisions of principle regarding the design are regulated in the framework. The recast thus aims to clarify and communicate the regulatory framework for SWESTR in an easily understandable way, both internally and externally. In addition to the changes mentioned above, some minor editorial changes have been made. The framework will enter into force on 5 June 2025 and be published on the Riksbank's website.

The decision has been taken by the Executive Board (Governor Erik Thedéen and Deputy Governors Per Jansson, Aino Bunge and Anna Seim) following a presentation by Senior Economist Carl Fredrik Pettersson.