# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE RIKSBANK'S SALES OF GOVERNMENT BONDS VIA BID PROCEDURE 2023:1



These general terms and conditions ("General terms") apply as of and including 13 March 2023 for the Riksbank's sales of government bonds by means of bid procedures.

## 1. Definitions

"Bid date"	The date for making bids, which is stated in the 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.
"Offered volume"	The volume, or the interval of volume, of Bonds offered for Sale by the Riksbank in accordance with the Special terms for the respective Bid date.
"Information system"	Notified 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 Riksbank has specially assigned.
"Sales"	The Riksbank's sales of Bonds on the respective Bid dates.
"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 which the Riksbank offers to Sale 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 that the Riksbank, after the Bid times have expired on the respective Bid date, decides shall be sold by the Riksbank on such Bid date. The Final volume is within the Requested volume, when the Requested Volume is stated as an interval.
"Special terms"	The special terms and conditions that are applicable to the respective Bid date.

# 2. Method of sales

Sales 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 Sales and Special terms

Prior to Sale, the Riksbank will notify on its website and via the Information system – or by another means determined by the Riksbank – the Bond(s) offered for Sale, the Bid date, the Offered 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.

### 4. Counterparties

The Counterparties who are eligible to make a bid in the Riksbank's Bonds Sales are financial companies that are either the Riksbank's Monetary Policy Counterparties (as defined in the Riksbank's Terms and Conditions for RIX and Monetary Policy Instruments) or the Swedish National Debt Office's primary dealers in nominal or inflation-linked Bonds. In order for a Counterparty to be allowed to participate in a bid procedure, a complete Registration must be received by the Riksbank no later than at 11 three Banking days prior to the Bid date.

Counterparties must meet the requirements for Monetary Policy Counterparties or the Swedish National Debt Office's primary dealers of nominal or inflation-linked government bonds on both the date of the Registration and the Bid date. The Riksbank reserves the right to depart from the requirements in this section.



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 lowest interest rate are allocated and thereafter follow the next lowest 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 highest 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 if the offered interest deviates significantly from what can be considered a market price, even if this would mean that the Final volume is lower than the Offered volume or even if it means that no allocation is made.

The Counterparty is obliged to purchase the allocated volume even if this is smaller than the volume requested 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 Salesof Bonds will be made by the Riksbank, and payment for the Purchase will be made by the Counterparty. 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.

### 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.

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.

Stockholm, 13 March 2023