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Bank of Japan

Amendment to "Guidelines on Eligible Collateral"

At the Monetary Policy Meeting held today, the Policy Board of the Bank of Japan made the following decisions based on a regular review of the appropriateness of collateral prices and margin ratios in light of recent financial market developments, with a view to maintaining the soundness of the Bank's assets as well as efficiency in market participants' use of collateral.

1. The Bank shall amend the "Guidelines on Eligible Collateral" (see Attachment 1).
2. The Bank shall amend the "Principal Terms and Conditions for the Purchase/Sale of Japanese Government Securities with Repurchase Agreements" (see Attachment 2).
3. The Bank shall amend the "Principal Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Japanese Government Securities with Repurchase Agreements to Provide the Markets with a Secondary Source of Japanese Government Securities" (see Attachment 3).
4. The Bank shall amend the "Collateral Guidelines on Eligible Foreign Bonds" (see Attachment 4).
5. The Bank shall amend the "Temporary Rules regarding the Eligibility Standards for Debt of Companies in Disaster Areas" (see Attachment 5).

Amendment to "Guidelines on Eligible Collateral"

- Table 1 shall be amended as follows.

Table 1

Categories of Collateral and Collateral Prices

1. Government Bonds (excluding Floating-Rate Bonds, STRIPS, Inflation-Indexed Bonds, and Treasury Bills) and Treasury Discount Bills (Treasury Bills and Financing Bills)

A residual maturity of:

(1)	} (No change)	
(2)		
(3)		
(4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years		96 <u>97</u> % of market price
(5) more than 20 years and up to 30 years		95 <u>96</u> % of market price
(6) (No change)		

1-2. Floating-Rate Bonds

A residual maturity of:

(1) up to 1 year	98 <u>99</u> % of market price
(2) more than 1 year and up to 5 years	98 <u>99</u> % of market price
(3) more than 5 years and up to 10 years	97 <u>98</u> % of market price

(4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years 9697% of market price

1-3. STRIPS

A residual maturity of:

(1) }
ι } (No change)
(3) }

(4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years 9596% of market price

(5) (No change)

(6) more than 30 years 9091% of market price

1-4. Inflation-Indexed Bonds

A residual maturity of:

(1) up to 1 year 9193% of market price

(2) more than 1 year and up to 5 years 9193% of market price

(3) more than 5 years and up to 10 years 9395% of market price

(4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years 9194% of market price

(5) more than 20 years and up to 30 years 9093% of market price

(6) more than 30 years 8890% of market price

2. Government-Guaranteed Bonds

A residual maturity of:

(1) }
ι } (No change)
(3) }

(4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years 9596% of market price

(5) more than 20 years and up to 30 years 9495% of market price

(6) (No change)

3. (No change)

4. Municipal Bonds

A residual maturity of:

(1) }
2 } (No change)
(3) }

(4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years 9596% of market price

(5) more than 20 years and up to 30 years 9495% of market price

(6) (No change)

5. Fiscal Investment and Loan Program (FILP) Agency Bonds

A residual maturity of:

(1) }
2 } (No change)
(3) }

(4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years 9495% of market price

(5) more than 20 years and up to 30 years 9394% of market price

(6) (No change)

6. Corporate Bonds

A residual maturity of:

(1) }
2 } (No change)
(3) }

(4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years 9495% of market price

(5) more than 20 years and up to 30 years 9394% of market price

(6) (No change)

7. }
8. } (No change)

9. Asset-Backed Securities

A residual maturity of:

(1) }
2 } (No change)
(3) }

(4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years 9495% of market price

(5) more than 20 years and up to 30 years 9394% of market price

(6) (No change)

10. (No change)

11. Bonds Issued by Real Estate Investment Corporations

A residual maturity of:

(1) }
2 } (No change)
(3) }

(4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years 9495% of market price

(5) more than 20 years and up to 30 years 9394% of market price

(6) (No change)

12. (No change)

13. Foreign Government Bonds

A residual maturity of:

(1) }
2 } (No change)
(3) }

(4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years 9495% of market price

(5) more than 20 years and up to 30 years 9394% of market price

(6) (No change)

14. International Financial Institution Bonds

A residual maturity of:

- (1) } (No change)
- 1 } (No change)
- (3) }
- (4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years 9495% of market price
- (5) more than 20 years and up to 30 years 9394% of market price
- (6) (No change)

- 15. }
- 16. } (No change)
- 17. }

18. Electronically Recorded Monetary Claims on Companies

A residual maturity of:

- (1) } (No change)
- 1 } (No change)
- (3) }
- (4) more than 5 years and up to 7 years 8075% of outstanding principal balance
- (5) (No change)

19. Electronically Recorded Monetary Claims on Real Estate Investment Corporations

A residual maturity of:

- (1) } (No change)
- 1 } (No change)
- (3) }
- (4) more than 5 years and up to 7 years 8075% of outstanding principal balance
- (5) (No change)

- 20. } (No change)
- 21. }

22. Electronically Recorded Monetary Claims on Municipal Governments

A residual maturity of:

- (1) (No change)
- (2) more than 1 year and up to 3 years 9594% of outstanding principal balance
- (3) } (No change)
- (4) }
- (5) more than 7 years and up to 10 years 8075% of outstanding principal balance
 (Those with maturity date falling in the same month of the tenth year are included.)

23. Loans on Deeds to Companies

A residual maturity of:

- (1) } (No change)
- (2) }
- (3) }
- (4) more than 5 years and up to 7 years 8075% of outstanding principal balance
- (5) (No change)

24. Loans on Deeds to Real Estate Investment Corporations

A residual maturity of:

- (1) } (No change)
- (2) }
- (3) }

(4) more than 5 years and up to 7 years 8075% of outstanding
principal balance

(5) (No change)

25. }
26. } (No change)

27. Loans on Deeds to Municipal Governments

A residual maturity of:

(1) (No change)

(2) more than 1 year and up to 3 years 9594% of outstanding
principal balance

(3) }
(4) } (No change)

(5) more than 7 years and up to 10 years 8075% of outstanding
principal balance
(Those with maturity date falling in the same month
of the tenth year are included.)

(Special Provision)

Among the collateral listed from 1 to 14 above, bonds whose principal balance may decrease due to prepayments before the final maturity date such as pass-through bonds;

(1) Residential mortgage-secured pass-through 9495% of market price
notes issued by the Japan Housing Finance
Agency ;

(2) (No change)

(Supplementary Provision)

These amendments shall become effective on a date designated by the Governor, which shall be within a month after the day of the implementation of the second phase of the new BOJ-NET project.

**Amendment to "Principal Terms and Conditions for the Purchase/Sale
of Japanese Government Securities with Repurchase Agreements"**

- Table shall be amended as follows.

Table

Margin Ratios

1. Securities purchased by the Bank

(1) Japanese Government Securities (excluding Floating-Rate Bonds and Inflation-Indexed Bonds)

A residual maturity of:

(a)	}	(No change)
(c)		
(d)		

(e) more than 20 years and up to 30 years	4.030 <u>1.031</u>
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(f) more than 30 years	4.045 <u>1.054</u>
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(2) Floating-Rate Bonds

A residual maturity of:

(a) (No change)

(b) more than 1 year and up to 5 years	4.006 <u>1.003</u>
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(c) (No change)

(d) more than 10 years and up to 20 years	4.013 <u>1.014</u>
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(3) Inflation-Indexed Bonds

A residual maturity of:

(a) up to 1 year	1.032 <u>1.034</u>
(b) more than 1 year and up to 5 years	1.036 <u>1.037</u>
(c) } (No change)	
(d) }	
(e) more than 20 years and up to 30 years	1.048 <u>1.049</u>
(f) more than 30 years	1.063 <u>1.072</u>

2. Securities sold by the Bank

(1) Japanese Government Securities (excluding Floating-Rate Bonds and Inflation-Indexed Bonds)

A residual maturity of:

(a) } (No change)	
(c) }	
(d) }	
(e) more than 20 years and up to 30 years	0.971 <u>0.970</u>
(f) more than 30 years	0.958 <u>0.951</u>

(2) Floating-Rate Bonds

A residual maturity of:

(a) (No change)	
(b) more than 1 year and up to 5 years	0.995 <u>0.998</u>
(c) (No change)	
(d) more than 10 years and up to 20 years	0.988 <u>0.987</u>

(3) Inflation-Indexed Bonds

A residual maturity of:

(a) up to 1 year	0.969 <u>0.968</u>
(b) more than 1 year and up to 5 years	0.967 <u>0.966</u>

- (c) }
- ι }
- (e) }
- (f) more than 30 years

(No change)

0.9440.937

(Supplementary Provision)

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**Amendment to "Principal Terms and Conditions for the Sale of
Japanese Government Securities with Repurchase Agreements
to Provide the Markets with a Secondary Source of
Japanese Government Securities"**

- Table shall be amended as follows.

Table

Margin Ratios

**1. Japanese Government Securities (excluding
Floating-Rate Bonds and Inflation-Indexed Bonds)**

A residual maturity of:

(1)	} (No change)	
(4)		
(5) more than 20 years and up to 30 years		0.971 <u>0.970</u>
(6) more than 30 years		0.958 <u>0.951</u>

2. Floating-Rate Bonds

A residual maturity of:

(1) (No change)	
(2) more than 1 year and up to 5 years	0.995 <u>0.998</u>
(3) (No change)	
(4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years	0.988 <u>0.987</u>

3. Inflation-Indexed Bonds

A residual maturity of:

(1) up to 1 year	0.9690 <u>0.968</u>
(2) more than 1 year and up to 5 years	0.9670 <u>0.966</u>
(3) } } (No change) (5) }	
(6) more than 30 years	0.9440 <u>0.937</u>

(Supplementary Provision)

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Amendment to "Collateral Guidelines on Eligible Foreign Bonds"

- Table shall be amended as follows.

Table

Eligibility Standards and Collateral Prices

1. (No change)

2. Collateral Prices

A residual maturity of:

(1) up to 1 year	} (No change)
(4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years	
(5) more than 20 years and up to 30 years	
(6) more than 30 years	<u>8788</u> % of market price (yen equivalent) (No change)

(Supplementary Provision)

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Amendment to "Temporary Rules regarding the Eligibility Standards for Debt of Companies in Disaster Areas"

- Paragraph 4. shall be amended as follows.

4. Collateral Prices

For collateral stipulated in 2. (2), the Bank shall, except when the collateral satisfies the standards stipulated in table 2 of the "Guidelines on Eligible Collateral," apply the following collateral prices.

(1) Debt of Companies with Business Offices in Disaster Areas

Corporate Bonds

- | | | | |
|---|---|-------------|--------------------------------|
| (a) | } | (No change) | |
| i | | | |
| (c) | | | |
| (d) more than 10 years and up to 20 years | | | 94 <u>95</u> % of market price |
| (e) more than 20 years and up to 30 years | | | 93 <u>94</u> % of market price |
| (f) (No change) | | | |

Bills (No change)

Electronically Recorded Monetary Claims

- (a) (No change)
- (b) Electronically Recorded Monetary Claims other than (a)
 - i) up to 1 year 9594% of outstanding principal balance

- ii) } (No change)
- iii) }
- v) }

Loans on Deeds

(a) (No change)

(b) Loans on Deeds other than (a)

i) up to 1 year

9594% of outstanding
principal balance

- ii) } (No change)
- iii) }
- v) }

(2) Debt of Municipal Governments in Disaster Areas

Electronically Recorded Monetary Claims

(a) (No change)

(b) more than 1 year and up to 3 years

8584% of outstanding
principal balance

- (c) } (No change)
- (d) }

(e) more than 7 years and up to 10 years
(including those with a maturity date falling
in the same month of the tenth year)

7065% of outstanding
principal balance

Loans on Deeds

(a) (No change)

(b) more than 1 year and up to 3 years

8584% of outstanding
principal balance

- (c) } (No change)
- (d) }

(e) more than 7 years and up to 10 years 7065% of outstanding
(including those with a maturity date falling principal balance
in the same month of the tenth year)

(3) Debt of Entities Owned by Municipal Governments in Disaster Areas

(No change)

(Supplementary Provision)

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