
At the Monetary Policy Meeting held today, the Policy Board of the Bank of Japan decided, with a view to further facilitating the Bank's money market operations and contributing to smooth settlement of both Japanese government securities and funds, to amend "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).

- Paragraph 8.(2) shall be amended as follows.

(2) Margin ratios

Margin ratios shall be as follows; set forth in Table.

A residual maturity of:
(i) up to 1 year 0.999
(ii) more than 1 year and up to 5 years 0.993
(iii) more than 5 years and up to 10 years 0.984
(iv) more than 10 years and up to 20 years 0.977
(v) more than 20 years 0.969

- Table shall be added after Supplementary Provision.

Table

Margin Ratios

1. JGSs (excluding Floating-Rate Bonds and Inflation-Indexed Bonds)

A residual maturity of:
(1) up to 1 year 0.999
(2) more than 1 year and up to 5 years 0.993
(3) more than 5 years and up to 10 years 0.984
(4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years  0.977
(5) more than 20 years and up to 30 years  0.969
(6) more than 30 years  0.954

2. Floating-Rate Bonds
A residual maturity of:
(1) up to 1 year  0.999
(2) more than 1 year and up to 5 years  0.993
(3) more than 5 years and up to 10 years  0.979
(4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years  0.979

3. Inflation-Indexed Bonds
A residual maturity of:
(1) up to 1 year  0.988
(2) more than 1 year and up to 5 years  0.982
(3) more than 5 years and up to 10 years  0.976
(4) more than 10 years and up to 20 years  0.965
(5) more than 20 years and up to 30 years  0.954
(6) more than 30 years  0.948

(Supplementary Provision)

These amendments shall become effective on February 20, 2009.