

**TO  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF BANKS**

*(As per the attached list)*

**Dear Sir or Madam,**

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of the Ministry of Finance and the Bulgarian National Bank on the Terms and Procedures for Acquisition, Registration, Redemption and Trade in Government Securities (State Gazette, issue 85 of 23 October 2007, amended, State Gazette, issue 100 of 19 November 2013), we hereby inform you that **as from 25.11.2013** the time limits related to government securities auctions and subscriptions for replacement of government securities, and the time limits for operations, registration and settlement of with payments both in BGN and EUR in the primary and secondary markets, set by the Ministry of Finance and the Bulgarian National Bank, are as follows:

1. Under Art. 13, para 1 **By 10:00** on the day of the auction;
2. Under Art. 14, para 7 **Immediately** after receiving an approval of participation from the Minister of Finance pursuant to Art. 14, para 5 **on the day of the auction or on the next business day** when the approval is received after 16:00;
3. Under Art. 15, paras 1 and 3 **By 09:30** on the payment day;
4. Receipt of requests/notifications for registration of government securities transactions in accordance with Chapter Three and Art. 34 Within the ESROT system working day **between 08:30 and 16:45**;
- 4.1. Requests for blocking/unblocking government securities to secure funds on budget entities` accounts with banks are received **by 16:00**;
- 4.2. Upon activation of the Reserve Guarantee Fund and use of government securities as collateral, ESROT will accept requests for government securities transfers pursuant to art. 7, item 2 of Ordinance No. 5 within the working time of RINGS;
- 4.3. Receipt of requests for registering or deleting pledges of government securities pursuant to Chapter Four of Ordinance No. 5 **By 15:00**;
5. Under Art. 35, para 4 **By 09:30 AM** on the maturity day;
6. Under Art. 41, para 1 **By 10:00** on the day of the auction;
7. Under Art. 42, para 7 **Immediately** after receiving an approval of participation from the Minister of Finance pursuant to Art. 42, para 5 **on the day of the auction or on the next business day** when the approval is received after 16:00;

8. Under Art. 43, paras 1 and 3 **By 09:30** on the payment day;
9. Under Art. 46, para 1 **By 17:00** on the day on which the replacement subscription ends;
10. Under Art. 47, para 4 **On the day when an approval** of participation from by the Minister of Finance is received pursuant to Art. 47, para 2 or **on the next business day** when the approval is received after 16:00;
11. Under Art. 50 **By 09:30** on the replacement day;
12. End time for cash settlement in TARGET2 - **17:15 (16:15 CET)**;
13. End time for cash settlement in RINGS - **17:30 (16:30 CET)**;

On the days when there are payments of principals and interest on matured government securities, repo transactions and government securities lending, as well as acquisitions buyback and replacement transactions in government securities in the primary market, the Bulgarian National Bank after the start of the ESROT system working day initiates their processing by arranging them in the following order:

1. Redemption of principals and interest on government securities;
2. Second legs of repurchase agreements and maturity of government securities lending;
3. Acquisition, buyback and replacement of government securities in the primary market;

In case of changes in the working time of RINGS and TARGET2, the **time limits under points 4, 12 and 13** hereof may be changed, and the ESROT participants will be promptly notified thereof by the Bulgarian National Bank.

This letter supersedes the joint letter of the Ministry of Finance (No. 91-00-1355/17.12.2009) and the Bulgarian National Bank (No. 91CM-0110/17.12.2009).

The letter will be published on the official website of the Bulgarian National Bank and can be accessed from the Help Menu of the ESROT system.

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