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About official refinancing rate

In accordance with the Law of Republic of Kazakhstan “About National Bank of Republic Kazakhstan” the Governing Board of the National Bank of Republic of Kazakhstan decided to set the official refinancing rate of epy National Bank of Republic of Kazakhstan at **an annual rate of 10.5% from July 1, 2008.**

Reduction of the official refinancing rate must lead to a decrease of the yields on the financial market, which will help maintain credit activity of banking sector and, correspondingly, economic growth.

In the second half of year 2008 the National Bank is expecting a slowdown of annual inflation, and as a result by the end of year 2008 the level of the official refinancing rate will be weakly positive in real terms.

The previous official refinancing rate was at 11.0% annual.

About norms of minimal reserve requirements

For purposes of regulating short-term liquidity of banks the Governing Board of the National Bank of Republic of Kazakhstan has changed the norms of minimal reserve requirements. Instead of current norms at 6% for internal liabilities and at 8% for other liabilities, new norms are being adopted at 5% for internal liabilities and at 7% for other liabilities.

In accordance with current legislation the norms of minimal reserve requirements are put into operation not earlier than a month after making this decision. The new norms take effect from July 29, 2008.

The reduction of the norms of minimal reserve requirements will allow to release approximately 90 billion tenge, which can be directed towards support of credit activity.

Introduction of the new norms from July 1, 2008 cancels the entry into force of the norms of minimal reserve requirements at the level of 5% for internal liabilities and at 10% for other liabilities.

**About increasing authorized capital stock of the joint-stock company
“Kazakhstan deposit insurance fund”**

For purposes of increasing the credibility of the banking system of Kazakhstan, expanding the opportunities of JSC “Kazakhstan deposit insurance fund” the Governing Board of the National Bank, as a single shareholder of KDIF, has made a decision to increase the size of its authorized capital stock by 14 billion tenge up to 30 billion tenge.