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**Starting from 24.5.2002, the interest rate applicable to TL required reserves is changed to 22%. The interest rate to be paid on FX required reserves is determined as 0.84 % for USD and 1.58 % for Euro.**

While banks were required to maintain required reserves only for their deposits according to the repealed Communiqué No: 96/1 on Required Reserves, the base for required reserves has been extended with Communiqué No: 2002/1. According to this, banks shall maintain required reserves for their other liabilities along with their deposits starting from 24.5.2002. Following these amendments, the amount of TL required reserves on which Central Bank pays interest, shall approximately increase by 55%.

As it is known, interest rate on TL required reserves maintained by the banks at the Central Bank has been applied as 40% since 8.8.2001. This rate applied to the previous base becomes approximately equivalent to 26% when the new base is taken into consideration. The current interest rate is determined to be 22% starting from 24.5.2002, by considering the decrease in interest rates on deposits and enlargement of the base for required reserves. It is possible that this rate will be revised in line with developments in interest rates on deposits.

The interest rates applicable on FX required reserves shall be equivalent to interest rate on 2 days-notice FX deposits and determined on a weekly basis. The rates are set as 0.84% for USD and 1.58% for Euro to be applicable between 24.5.2002-26.5.2002.

Interest on TL and FX required reserves shall accrue as of March, June, September and December as before. The interest rate on TL required reserves shall be announced when it is re-determined in line with the developments in interest rates on deposits and the rates on FX required reserves to be determined weekly shall be announced on the first day of each week.