NOTE ON THE CHANGE IN COMPILATION METHODOLOGY OF MONETARY STATISTICS

In view of the exposed weaknesses in the international financial system, highlighting the fact that globalization brings risks as well as important benefits to the economies, the international community mobilized to strengthen the "architecture" of the international financial system. An important element of the "architecture" initiative involves the development and implementation of internationally accepted standards. The IMF developed standards or codes of good practices in its main areas of responsibility in consultation with experts from the member countries and international standard setting bodies to guide member countries in the dissemination of economic and financial data to the public. These standards—the Special Data Dissemination Standard and the General Data Dissemination System—comprise a number of elements of good practice in data dissemination. As an essential complement to, and outgrowth of these standards, the IMF intensified efforts to assist countries through the development of internationally agreed guidelines on statistical methodology in the field of Balance of Payments, Government Finance, and Monetary and Financial Statistics. The concepts set out are harmonized with those of the System of National Accounts 1993.

Statistics & Data Warehouse Department, State Bank of Pakistan revised the data collection requirements in lines with the Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual (MFSM 2000) in 2005, to go side by side with the international community. The data collected through this questionnaire are of much importance for the estimating monetary and financial aggregates as well as to support researcher to explore new areas of activities for the financial sector, to highlight strengths and weaknesses and paving way to new developments and support decisions making by different stakeholders.

Based on the revised questionnaire Statistics & Data Warehouse Department, State Bank of Pakistan has started compilation of monetary statistics under the title of "Analytical Accounts" for the Central Bank (State Bank of Pakistan), Other Depository corporations and Depository Corporations according to the guidelines of Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual (MFSM 2000) – IMF w.e.f. June 2008. Compilation methodology is available at: http://www.sbp.org.pk/departments/Guidelines.htm

Analytical Accounts of Central Bank and Other Depository corporations and Depository

Corporations as on June 30, 2008 have been prepared and are available at: http://www.sbp.org.pk/ecodata/index.asp under the heading "Analytical Accounts - MFSM".

Major changes and revisions in compilation methodology are given as under:-

Item	Old Methodology	New Methodology	Remarks
1. Coverage	Data of Central	Data of Central Bank,	Coverage of the institutions has been
	Bank and	Scheduled Banks,	enhanced
	Scheduled Banks	DFIs and Depository	
	used to compile	NBFCs is used to	
	Monetary Survey	compile Depository	
		Corporations Survey	
2. Classification	Limited	Comprehensive sector	In old methodology bank's
Changes	information on	wise, currency wise	investment in securities and shares of
	sectorization,	(LCY & FCY) data on	Other banks was merged with
	instruments and	all financial assets and	investment in private sector business.
	currency	liabilities is available	In new methodology the data on
			investment in interbank securities &
			shares is separated from private
			sector business. The amount
			pertaining to investment in interbank
			securities and shares is now
			reclassified as Claims on Other
			Depository Corporations.
3. Separation of	N/A	Sector wise /Currency	In old methodology no such data was
Local Currency		wise data on deposits	available. In new methodology
Deposits of Non-		is available	proper space has been provided for
Residents			such deposits. The LCY deposits of
			Non-Residents will now become a
			part of NFA which were previously
			added in Broad Money

4. Coins in	Included in	Excluded from	Since Coins are not liability of
Circulation	Currency in	Currency in	Central Bank and are issued by
	Circulation,	Circulation	Central Government. Therefore, the
	Reserve Money &		counterparts on assets side and from
	M2		liabilities side coins in circulation
			from reserve money have been
			excluded. The amount of coins in
			circulation is added in Memorandum
			Items in footnotes of Central Bank
			Survey.
5. Incorporation	Principal Basis	Accrual Basis	In old methodology accrued mark up
of Accrued			was recorded as a part of other
Markup			liabilities/assets. In new
			methodology all financial assets and
			liabilities are reported on accrual
			basis i.e., accrual of interest is
			treated as transaction and accrued
			but yet not paid interest is classified
			along with the underlying
			instrument. For example Claims on
			Government now include the
			principal amount and accrued
			interest.
6 Treatment of	Outright	Collateralized loans	In old methodology the
Securities	sale/purchase of		Repo/Reverse Repo transactions
Repurchased	securities		were treated as outright
Agreements			sale/purchase of securities. In new
			methodology the same are treated as
			collateralized loans