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Rates on NBM Monetary Regulation Instruments

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Taking into account the inflation dynamics, the monetary and macroeconomic indices the Council of Administration of the National Bank of Moldova has, at its meeting of June 28, 2001, reduced by one percentage point the basic rate of the National Bank to be applied on banking refinancing through 2-month REPO operations of state securities acquisition performed within NBM open market operations to 18% per year.

Simultaneously, other interest rates have been set as follows:

- Lombard Facility 23% per year;
- Overnight credits 27% per year;

The rate on deposits of commercial banks with the National Bank keeps the level of 3% per year.

The basic rate on long-term credits (over 5 years) keeps the level of 14.8% per year.

The decision of the Council of Administration on interest rates shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the Official Monitor of the Republic of Moldova.

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