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USER INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BANK OF FINLAND'S REPORTING SERVICE

The Bank of Finland collects statistical data via the DCS reporting service (Data Collection Service). This document provides instructions on using the reporting service.

The instructions refer to the following surveys:

- Survey on foreign securities-based assets and liabilities of nonfinancial corporations, financial corporations and central government (SAVE)
- Survey of deposit banks and investment firms providing custody and asset management services (TIHA)
- Survey on investment funds' balance sheets (SIRA)
- MFI data collection (RATI)
- Consolidated data collection (KOTI)
- Long-term saving data collection (PS)

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1 USER ID AND REPORTING

1.1 User ID order and choosing the reporting method

The Bank of Finland informs reporters of their reporting obligation by post. After receiving such a letter, reporters should order user IDs and passwords to access the reporting service. Orders are placed online at:

<https://sol.itella.net/b/ec/bof-tunnustilaus/order?s=FWYKTLuafH0a3mF>

Before placing the ID order the reporter should choose the reporting method. The following options are available:

1. Web form: the reported data are saved in a web-based form. This option is for reporters with a small amount of data to be reported.
2. Web Upload: a CSV-formatted report is uploaded to the DCS service. This option is for reporters creating a CSV file from their own systems, where the file size is only a few thousand rows.
3. Direct secured network between reporter and Itella (alternatives VPN-secured FTP or SFTP). This option is for reporters who have large reports or who wish to automatize reporting. Your technical specialist is able to tell which of these can be used to transfer data via Itella.

The reporting method can be changed, as necessary.

1.2 Passwords and reporting

To log in to the DCS reporting service (web form or web upload), you will need the following:

- **User IDs:** Once the Bank of Finland has approved the ID order, the reporter will get the User IDs by email.
- **Passwords:** The reporter specifies the passwords in connection with the ID order. If you have forgotten the passwords, please contact Itella HelpDesk.
- **Access key list:** The list will be sent to the reporter by post within three days after approval of the ID order.

The reporting is done by logging into the reporting service at:

<https://sol.itella.net/ec/bof/>

Reporting can be tested in the test environment (<https://test.sol.itella.net/ec/bof/>). Note that a report delivered via the test environment **does not fulfil the reporting obligation**. An access key list is not needed for logging into the test environment.

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An access key list includes 100 key pairs. A new access key list is sent to the main user's postal address when the reporter has used the 90th key pair. For questions relating to passwords, IDs and the use of the service, please contact Itella HelpDesk, tel. +358 (0)20 452 9348 / helpdesk@itella.net

2 MANAGEMENT OF MAIN USER CONTACT INFORMATION AND SUB-ACCOUNT INFORMATION

In communicating with the Bank of Finland, it is important that contact information on the main user and sub-accounts is kept up-to-date.

The first user ID ordered by a company will be the main user ID. If the main user changes, user information should be corrected via the link "User information" (Figure 1). By clicking on "User accounts" the main user can create sub-accounts in the reporting service. On the same page, by clicking on "Update" the main user can enter new passwords and update contact details for sub-accounts. User IDs are deleted by clicking on "Terminate".

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Figure 1. Management of sub-accounts via link "User accounts".

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2.1 Missing main user information or significant changes to company's activities

If the main user has left the company and main user information has not been changed prior to the person's departure, a sub-account user should contact the Bank of Finland. With their own user IDs, sub-account users can only change their own password in the DCS service.

If the company's business ID changes, for example because of merger, a new user ID must be ordered. If a company subject to the reporting obligation winds up its operations or merges, the Bank of Finland must be notified of the change well in advance.

3 REPORTING WITH WEB FORM

The web form is available on the main page that opens after logging into the DCS reporting service: <https://sol.itella.net/ec/bof/>

A web form **cannot be used** for the Survey of deposit banks and investment firms providing custody and asset management services (TIHA).

3.1 Entering and amending data in the web form

When the web form is filled in, several rows are added to some of the records, as shown in the example in Figure 2.

If you wish to sort the rows added, click on the heading, as shown in the example below. When you click on the row, the data in the row are shown in the fields. You can amend the data in the row by clicking on "Replace values".

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Savings Record

01 Record type	ST
02 Type of data provider's identifier	Y
03 Data provider's identifier	12345671
04 Reporter's name	Finlands Bank Test
05 Transaction	S - Stock
06 Instrument	511 - Quoted shares
07 Country code	ES - Spain
08 Transfer from another service provider	Y - Yes
09 Value of transaction	23

#	Transaction	Instrument	Country code	Transfer	Value of transaction
1	F - Flow	225 - Deposits »	CN - China	N - No	34
2	S - Stock	511 - Quoted sh»	ES - Spain	Y - Yes	23


Figure 2. Example on how to view rows.

3.2 Sending the report

To send the report, click on the "Accept and send" button at the bottom of the web form (see Figure 2). Reports delivered are stored in the "Sent" folder where you can view an old report and use it as the basis of a new report, as necessary. If you click on the "Save without sending" button, an incomplete report will be saved to the "Unsent" folder.

If the report contains errors, data transfer is not possible. An example of an error message is shown in Figure 3 below.

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CONTENT ERROR; row 1 (MT), field 3, value: 12345671; PS_MT_03_003: Business ID is unknown. Please contact to ps@bof.fi by email.

Data Collection on Long Term Saving (PS)

Batch record	
01 Record type	000
02 Type of data provider's identifier	Y
03 Data provider's identifier	12345671
05 Type of data	P - Production data (in use with production)
06 Reporting period	2011Q01

Figure 3. Example of an error message.

When a report is delivered successfully, a message appears at the top of the page (Figure 4) and the report can also be found in the "Sent" folder.



This form was sent: 16.5.2011 10:37
Sent by: 1234567-1 Matrix test 5

Record type	000
Type of data provider's identifier	Y
Data provider's identifier	12345671

Figure 4. Message on a successful delivery of report.

4 REPORTING WITH WEB UPLOAD

Another option for transmitting data via the DCS service is to upload a completed report with the web upload function. First, log in to the reporting service the same way as when sending a report with a web form:

<https://sol.itella.net/ec/bof/>

Then click on "Data sending" and upload the file. Once the file is uploaded to the reporting service, the view as shown in Figure 5 appears. Click on "Accept" in this page; only then will the file be transferred to the Bank of Finland. If the data transfer is successful, a view as shown in Figure 6 appears.

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File transferred

 The reports in the transmission will be processed and forwarded only if you accept the transfer using the "Accept" button below.

Reports successfully read from the file:

1	Survey of deposit banks and investment firms providing custody and asset management services(TIHA)
x	0000000-0

Accepting the transfer

The reports in the transmitted file will be processed and forwarded only if you accept the transfer using the "Accept" button. If you wish to cancel the transmission, press the "Reject" button.

Verify information below

Email

Comments

Figure 5. Reporting with web upload.

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Accepting the transfer


 Transfer accepted.

Figure 6. Confirmation of a successful delivery of report.

4.1 Error in file to be sent

If the file to be sent contains an error, a message as shown in Figure 7 below appears immediately after the file is uploaded into the DCS service. The errors indicated in the message must be corrected and the file must be uploaded again with the "Data sending" function.

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File transferred

Errors were detected in the file TIHA_2010M11_00000000.CSV

Errors in the file

Errors on line 1:
 Value in column 3 must be a valid business ID. Invalid value: 000000000
 Header business id (000000000) does not match the business id in the filename (00000000)

Figure 7. Example of an error message during web upload.

5 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: BALANCE AND RESERVE BASE IN MFI DATA COLLECTION

In the MFI data collection (RATI), once the report has been successfully delivered to the Bank of Finland, a feedback file containing a summary of the balance and the preliminary reserve base calculation can be found in the "Sent" folder.

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Reports sent

Time limit 9 months ▾

Show deleted reports Yes No

Monthly reports

Subject company ▲	Date ▼	Report ▲	Sent ▼	Feedback files
Matrix test 6	2010M11	MFI Data Collection (RATI)	8.2.2011 16:32:00	Balance Reserve Base
Matrix test 6	2010M12	MFI Data Collection (RATI)	8.2.2011 11:51:59	Balance Reserve Base
Matrix test 6	2011M01	MFI Data Collection (RATI)	19.1.2011 10:11:13	Balance Reserve Base

Figure 8. MFI data collection (RATI), the "Sent" folder.