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With a view to supporting financial stability in light of the latest developments in global markets, foreign exchange (FX) reserve requirement ratios were increased for short-term liabilities as follows:

FX liabilities	**Current Ratios (%)**	**New Ratios (%)**
FX and precious metal demand deposits, notice deposits and FX private current accounts, deposits/participation and precious metal deposit accounts with maturities up to 1, 3 and 6 months (including 1, 3 and 6 months) and 1 year	12.5	13
FX deposits/participation and precious metal deposit accounts with maturities of 1 year and longer and cumulative FX deposits/participation accounts	9	9
Other FX liabilities with maturities up to 1 year (including 1 year)	12.5	13
Other FX liabilities with maturities up to 3 years (including 3 years)	10.5	11
Other FX liabilities with maturities longer than 3 years	6	6

With the increase in FX reserve requirement ratios, liquidity amounting to approximately USD 1 billion will be withdrawn from the market and the effective reserve requirement ratio for FX currently standing at 11.5 percent will become 11.9 percent.

Besides, in the context of the facility that allows banks to hold Turkish lira required reserves in FX, one more tranche has been added to the existing tranches by keeping the upper limit unchanged, and the reserve option coefficients (ROCs) have been raised by 0.1 points for all tranches excluding the first tranche. Accordingly, the revised ROCs are as follows:

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<tr><th>FX Facility Tranches (%)</th><th>Current ROC</th><th>New ROC</th></tr>
<tr><td>0-30</td><td rowspan="2">1.4</td><td>1.4</td></tr>
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Banks have been consistently using the facility of holding Turkish lira required reserves in FX and the utilization ratio is 84.1 percent (50.5/60). At present, FX worth USD 30.9 billion is being held for Turkish lira required reserves. Should the facility continue to be used at the same level after the revisions, Central Bank FX reserves are expected to increase approximately by USD 0.8 billion.

The revisions will be effective as of the calculation period dated 24 May 2013 and the maintenance period will begin on 7 June 2013.