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**of 15 October 2019**  
**on the remuneration of holdings of excess reserves and of certain deposits (recast) (ECB/2019/31)**  
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*Article 1*

**Remuneration of holdings of excess reserves**

1. Holdings of reserves of institutions subject to Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 1745/2003 of the European Central Bank (ECB/2003/9) <sup>(1)</sup> exceeding the reserves required pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 2531/98 <sup>(2)</sup> and Regulation (EC) No 1745/2003 (ECB/2003/9) (hereinafter ‘excess reserves’) shall be remunerated at zero percent or the deposit facility rate, whichever is lower.

2. A part of an institution’s holdings of excess reserves on the institution’s reserve accounts as defined in Articles 1 and 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1745/2003 (ECB/2003/9) up to a multiple of the institution’s required reserves (hereinafter the ‘allowance’) shall be exempt from the remuneration rule set out in paragraph 1. The multiplier ‘m’ used to calculate the allowance and the interest rate applicable to the exempt holdings of excess reserves shall be specified by the Governing Council and subsequently published on the ECB’s website. Any adjustment to the multiplier ‘m’ and/or to the interest rate applicable to the exempt holdings of excess reserves shall apply from the maintenance period following the announcement of the Governing Council’s decision, unless specified otherwise. The exempt holdings of excess reserves shall be determined on the basis of the average end-of-calendar-day balances over a maintenance period in the institution’s reserve accounts, as defined in Articles 1 and 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1745/2003 (ECB/2003/9). Holdings with the Eurosystem’s deposit facility shall not be considered excess reserves.

3. The interest due or earned on exempt and non-exempt holdings of excess reserves shall be deducted by debiting the relevant institution’s reserve accounts, or as the case may be, paid, on the second NCB business day following the end of the maintenance period over which the interest was calculated.

4. In the case of institutions which hold required reserves through an intermediary pursuant to Article 10 or 11 of Regulation (EC) No 1745/2003 (ECB/2003/9), the allowance shall be calculated as set out in this paragraph. The multiplier ‘m’ used to calculate the allowance shall be applied on the aggregate required reserves to be maintained by

<sup>(1)</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1745/2003 of the European Central Bank of 12 September 2003 on the application of minimum reserves (ECB/2003/9) (OJ L 250, 2.10.2003, p. 10).

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 2531/98 of 23 November 1998 concerning the application of minimum reserves by the European Central Bank (OJ L 318, 27.11.1998, p. 1).

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the relevant intermediary institution on behalf of itself and all institutions for which it maintains required reserves pursuant to Article 10 or 11 of Regulation (EC) No 1745/2003 (ECB/2003/9). The interest rate applicable to the exempt holdings of excess reserves shall apply only to excess reserves held on the reserve accounts as defined in Articles 1 and 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1745/2003 (ECB/2003/9) of the relevant intermediary.

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5. In the event of a prolonged TARGET disruption over several business days, as referred to in Article 187a of Guideline (EU) 2015/510 of the European Central Bank (ECB/2014/60) <sup>(1)</sup>, paragraphs 1 to 4 shall apply. However, where institutions that are eligible counterparties in Eurosystem monetary policy operations with access to the Eurosystem's deposit facility in accordance with that Guideline are subject to such TARGET disruption, holdings of excess reserves exceeding any allowance applicable in accordance with paragraph 2 shall be automatically remunerated for the period of the TARGET disruption at the deposit facility rate where the deposit facility rate is higher than zero. If an eligible counterparty's access to the deposit facility is subject to a limit, the remuneration set out in the previous sentence shall only apply to an amount of excess reserves of that counterparty not exceeding that limit.

**▼ M3***Article 2***Remuneration of certain deposits held with the ECB****▼ M5**

1. The holdings in the following accounts maintained with the ECB shall be remunerated at the euro short-term rate (€STR) minus 20 basis points:

- (a) accounts maintained in accordance with Decision ECB/2003/14 of the European Central Bank <sup>(2)</sup>, Decision ECB/2010/4 of the European Central Bank <sup>(3)</sup>, Decision ECB/2010/17 of the European Central Bank <sup>(4)</sup>, Decision ECB/2010/31 of the European Central Bank <sup>(5)</sup>, and Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 <sup>(6)</sup>;

<sup>(1)</sup> Guideline (EU) 2015/510 of the European Central Bank of 19 December 2014 on the implementation of the Eurosystem monetary policy framework (General Documentation Guideline) (ECB/2014/60) (OJ L 91, 2.4.2015, p. 3).

<sup>(2)</sup> Decision ECB/2003/14 of the European Central Bank of 7 November 2003 concerning the administration of the borrowing-and-lending operations concluded by the European Community under the medium-term financial assistance facility (OJ L 297, 15.11.2003, p. 35).

<sup>(3)</sup> Decision ECB/2010/4 of the European Central Bank of 10 May 2010 concerning the management of pooled bilateral loans for the benefit of the Hellenic Republic and amending Decision ECB/2007/7 (OJ L 119, 13.5.2010, p. 24).

<sup>(4)</sup> Decision ECB/2010/17 of the European Central Bank of 14 October 2010 concerning the administration of the borrowing and lending operations concluded by the Union under the European financial stabilisation mechanism (OJ L 275, 20.10.2010, p. 10).

<sup>(5)</sup> Decision ECB/2010/31 of the European Central Bank of 20 December 2010 concerning the opening of accounts for the processing of payments in connection with EFSF loans to Member States whose currency is the euro (OJ L 10, 14.1.2011, p. 7).

<sup>(6)</sup> Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 of 19 May 2020 on the establishment of a European instrument for temporary support to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency (SURE) following the COVID-19 outbreak (OJ L 159, 20.5.2020, p. 1).

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- (b) other deposit accounts for the European Stability Mechanism and for the European Financial Stability Facility not covered under point (a).

However, when deposits need to be held in the relevant accounts in advance of the date on which a payment must be made in accordance with the legal or contractual rules applicable to the relevant facility, such deposits shall be remunerated during this advance period at zero per cent or the euro short-term rate (€STR), whichever is higher.

2. The rate specified in paragraph 1 shall also apply to the dedicated account maintained with the ECB in accordance with Article 13(2) of Commission Implementing Decision of 14 April 2021 establishing the necessary arrangements for the administration of the borrowing operations under Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053 and for the lending operations related to loans granted in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(1)</sup> and used for the purposes of prudential cash holdings in relation to:

- (a) NextGenerationEU ('NGEU');
- (b) the Instrument for providing support to Ukraine for 2023 (macro-financial assistance+) <sup>(2)</sup>;
- (c) any other European Union financing programme which the ECB and the Commission may agree to include.

However, an aggregate amount of deposits held in that dedicated account not exceeding EUR 20 billion shall be remunerated at zero per cent or the euro short-term rate (€STR) minus 20 basis points, whichever is higher.

**▼B***Article 3***Repeal**

- Decision ECB/2014/23 is hereby repealed.
- References to the repealed Decision shall be construed as references to this Decision and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table set out in Annex II.

*Article 4***Entry into force**

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*. It shall apply from the seventh reserve maintenance period of 2019 starting on 30 October 2019.

<sup>(1)</sup> C(2021)2502 final.

<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2022/2463 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2022 establishing an Instrument for providing support to Ukraine for 2023 (macro-financial assistance+) (OJ L 322, 16.12.2022, p. 1).

**▼B***ANNEX I***REPEALED DECISION AND THE AMENDMENT THERETO**

Decision ECB/2014/23	OJ L 168, 7.6.2014, p. 115.
Decision (EU) 2015/509 of the European Central Bank (ECB/2015/9)	OJ L 91, 2.4.2015, p. 1.

**▼B***ANNEX II***CORRELATION TABLE**

Decision ECB/2014/23	This Decision
Article 1	—
Article 2	Article 1
Article 3	—
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