

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

ISSUANCE POLICY

DURING 2004

In order to carry out a more flexible and adequate issue policy the Ministry of Finance decided to stop the practice of announcing annual calendars of government securities issues with specific commitments with regard to dates and value of the securities offered. For this purpose only the overall framework with intended debt issues in the domestic market will be announced for 2004 and specific monthly calendar will be provided at least 30 days in advance.

In view of the above, in 2004 the Ministry of Finance will offer for sale on an auction principle government securities at a total nominal value of BGN 650 million – BGN 750 million. Newly issued securities will cover the range of 3-month to 15-year maturity at value as follows:

- Government securities issues with 3-month maturity – one issue a month at value of BGN 12 million each;
- Government securities issues with 1-year maturity – two issues for the year at value of BGN 20 million each;
- Government securities issues with 3-year maturity – one issue for the year at a total value of minimum BGN 100 million;
- Government securities issues with 5-year maturity – one issue for the year at a total value of minimum BGN 100 million;
- Government securities issues with 7-year maturity – one issue for the year at a total value of maximum BGN 80 million;
- Government securities issues with 10-year maturity – one issue for the year at a total value of maximum BGN 80 million.

The Ministry of Finance plans to offer for sale in 2004 up to Euro 100 million of the remaining part of the 15-year Euro-denominated government securities issue BG 2040403219 of 12.11.2003 with total value of Euro 200 million.

The Ministry of Finance reserves the right to adjust the planned issuance volumes as well as to announce supplementary issues of government securities, if necessary.