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Changes in the issuance calendar planned by the Federal Government in the fourth quarter of 2002

For the account of the Federal Government, the German Finance Agency will reopen the

5 % bond issue of the Federal Republic of Germany of 2002 (2012) due on July 4, 2012 ISIN DE0001135200 // WKN 113 520

on November 6, 2002, using an auction procedure. An increase of \in 9 billion is envisaged for the issue (including the amount set aside for secondary market operations). Originally, in the issuance calendar \in 7 billion were announced. Thereby, the volume of the issue will rise up to \in 27 billion.

In addition, the volume of

4.50 % five-year Federal notes series 140 of 2002 (2007)
due on August 17, 2007
interest payment date August 17, annually
interest has begun to accrue on February 20, 2002
first interest payment on August 17, 2003 for 543 days
ISIN DE0001141406 // WKN 114 140

which will be offered on November 20, 2002



as well as the volume of the

Federal Treasury note of 2002 (2004) due December 10, 2004 ISIN DE0001137008 // WKN 113 700

which will be offered on December 11, 2002 (each using an auction procedure) will be increased by about \in 2 billion each. As a result, the auction volume of the five-year Federal note amounts to \in 10 billion, of the Federal Treasury note to \in 9 billion (including the amount set aside for secondary market operations, each).

Further changes in the issuance calendar of the Federal Government in the fourth quarter of 2002 are not planned.