
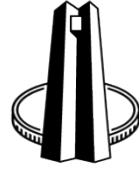


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Market participants are hereby advised that the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) will be closed for trading and settlement on the following official public holidays:

Friday, 15 December 2023.

Monday, 25 December 2023.

Tuesday, 26 December 2023; and

Monday, 1 January 2024.

No settlement will take place on the days mentioned above, via the South African Multiple Options Settlement (SAMOS) system.

The President of the Republic of South Africa has recently declared the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 as a public holiday. The SARB supports the normal market practice of changing the value date of foreign exchange (FX) forward transactions maturing on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to the next business day, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023, with adjustments in the exchange rates.

The SARB encourages authorised dealers in the foreign exchange market to enter into alternative bilateral arrangements with respect to transactions maturing on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

The SARB's foreign-exchange desk will close at 12h00 mid-day on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of December 2023. However, domestic money-market operations will be conducted as usual, with the position closing at 16h55 on both days.

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