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PROPOSAL TO CEASE PUBLICATION

The Financial Accounts Section is currently re-evaluating the continued processing and release of the monthly Average Exchange Rates special data service, ABS Catalogue no. 5654.0 / 5654.0.40.001.

This review has been possible by the availability of a very similar set of monthly average foreign exchange rates from the Australian Tax Office, which is released on their web site <http://www.ato.gov.au>.

Users will be notified of the outcome of this review as and when a decision is made about the publication. If you have any comments on the effect of ceasing this data service and the substitutability of the ATO's data, you can contact Suzanne Hartshorn, by email at suzanne.hartshorn@abs.gov.au, by phone on 02 6252 7118, or by fax on 02 6252 5380.

CHANGES TO SCOPE AND COVERAGE

There were no changes to scope and coverage this issue.

CHANGES THIS ISSUE

Revisions

There are no revisions to exchange rate data.

DATA AVAILABILITY

From July 1998 time series data has been delivered to clients from the ABSDB via AUSSTATS and Time Series Deliver, previously these files were delivered from INFOS. The change in source has resulted in changes to the available date range for some series.

Time series are available back to January 1966 for some exchange rates. We can also produce on request calendar and financial year average exchange rate reports.



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Average Monthly Exchange Rates: April 2001

Country	Currency	Bank buys* at -	Bank sells at -
USA	\$A1 = US Dollars	0.5032	0.4982
UK	\$A1 = Pounds	0.3518	0.3449
EEC	\$A1 = EUROS	0.5679	0.5534
Austria	\$A1 = Schillings	7.8183	7.6178
Belgium	\$A1 = Belgium Francs	22.9206	22.3328
Canada	\$A1 = Canadian Dollars	0.7886	0.7712
China	\$A1 = Renminbi	n.a.	n.a.
Denmark	\$A1 = Kroner	4.2327	4.1295
Fiji	\$A1 = Fiji Dollars	n.a.	1.1333
Finland	\$A1 = Markka	3.3783	3.2916
France	\$A1 = French Francs	3.7270	3.6314
Germany	\$A1 = Deutschemarks	1.1113	1.0828
Greece	\$A1 = Drachmae	193.2828	188.5472
Hong Kong	\$A1 = HK Dollars	3.9648	3.8400
India	\$A1 = Rupees	23.2746	22.6562
Indonesia	\$A1 = Rupiah	n.a.	n.a.
Italy	\$A1 = Lire	1100.2222	1071.8889
Japan	\$A1 = Yen	62.5439	61.2272
Malaysia	\$A1 = Ringgits	n.a.	n.a.
Malta	\$A1 = Pounds	0.2290	0.2213
Netherlands	\$A1 = Florins	1.2521	1.2200
New Caledonia	\$A1 = Francs	67.0139	64.7106
New Zealand	\$A1 = NZ Dollars	1.2384	1.2199
Norway	\$A1 = Kroner	4.6008	4.4886
Pakistan	\$A1 = Rupees	n.a.	n.a.
PNG	\$A1 = Kina	n.a.	1.3866
Philippines	\$A1 = Pesos	n.a.	23.9615
Portugal	\$A1 = Escudos	113.9111	110.9889
Singapore	\$A1 = Singaporean Dollar	0.9142	0.8919
South Africa	\$A1 = Rand	4.1021	3.9618
Spain	\$A1 = Pesetas	94.5378	92.1122
Sri Lanka	\$A1 = Rupees	44.0617	41.3183
Sweden	\$A1 = Kronor	5.1642	5.0382
Switzerland	\$A1 = Swiss Francs	0.8662	0.8451
Thailand	\$A1 = Bahts	22.7761	20.4583

Value of Australian Dollar against Major Currencies at 7am (AEST) on the Final trading day of: April 2001

USA	\$A1 = US Dollars	0.5122	0.5072
UK	\$A1 = Pounds	0.3580	0.3511
EEC	\$A1 = EUROS	0.5792	0.5645
Germany	\$A1 = Deutschemarks	1.1328	1.1040
Japan	\$A1 = Yen	63.8000	62.4800

* telegraphic transfer rate

n.a. not available

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