

Zero Coupon Bond (CTZ) Offering Announcement

23 October 2000

The Ministry of the Treasury announces the issue of the following Zero Coupon Bond (CTZ):

Type of Security	Issue Date Maturity Date	Tranche	Offering Amount (*)
18 Month CTZ	31 May 2000 – 30 Nov 2001	11^	750

Subscription Calendar

Type of Security	Auction Date	Settlement Date
18 Month CTZ	26 October 2000	31 October 2000

These securities can be subscribed for a minimum size of 1,000 Euro.

Bidders can submit up to three different price bids, for a minimum amount of 500,000 Euro each and a maximum equal to the tendered amount.

Bidders can submit prices with a minimum tick of one cent Euro; prices submitted with different ticks will be rounded up accordingly.

Bids must be submitted prior to **11.00 A.M.**.

(*) Million Euro.

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