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Preliminary Report on Foreign Holdings of U.S. Securities At End-June 2005

Preliminary data from a survey of foreign portfolio holdings of U.S. securities at end-June 2005 are released today on the U.S. Treasury web site at (<http://www.treas.gov/tic/fpis.html>). Final survey results, which will provide additional detail as well as possibly revise the preliminary data, will be reported by June 30, 2006. The survey was undertaken jointly by the U.S. Treasury, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. The next survey will be for foreign holdings of U.S. Securities at end-June 2006.

Complementary surveys measuring U.S. holdings of foreign securities are also carried out annually. Data from the most recent such survey, which reports on securities held on year-end 2005, are currently being processed. Preliminary results are expected to be reported by September 30, 2006.

Overall Preliminary Results

The survey measured foreign holdings as of June 30, 2005, of \$6,863 billion, with \$2,143 billion held in U.S. equities, \$4,118 billion in U.S. long-term debt securities (of which \$717 billion are holdings of asset-backed securities (ABS)), and \$602 billion held in U.S. short-term debt securities.¹ Foreign holdings as of June 30, 2004, were \$1,930 billion in U.S. equities, \$3,501 billion in U.S. long-term debt securities, and \$588 billion in short-term U.S. debt securities (see Table 1).

¹ Long-term securities have an *original* term-to-maturity of over one year. Asset-backed securities are backed by pools of assets, such as pools of residential home mortgages or credit card receivables, which give the security owners claims against the cash flows generated by the underlying assets.

Table 1. Foreign holdings of U.S. securities, by type of security, as of recent survey dates
(Billions of dollars)

<u>Type of Security</u>	<u>June 30, 2004</u>	<u>June 30, 2005</u>
Long-term Securities	5,431 ^r	6,261
Equity	1,930 ^r	2,143
Long-term debt	3,501 ^r	4,118
Asset-backed	453 ^r	717
Other	3,048 ^r	3,401
Short-term debt securities	588	602
Total	6,019 ^r	6,863
Of which: Official	1,663 ^r	1,992

^r revised.

Table 2. Foreign holdings of U.S. securities, by country and type of security, for the major investing countries into the U.S., as of June 30, 2005

(Billions of dollars)

<u>Country or category</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Equities</u>	<u>Long-term debt</u>	<u>Short-term debt</u>
1 Japan	1,091	178	814	100
2 United Kingdom	560	260	283	16
3 China, Mainland	527	3	485	40
4 Luxembourg	460	151	273	37
5 Cayman Islands	430	152	252	26
6 Belgium	335	18	312	5
7 Canada	308	221	74	13
8 Netherlands	262	161	93	8
9 Switzerland	238	129	94	15
10 Bermuda	202	59	123	20
11 Germany	200	83	110	8
12 Ireland	191	58	80	53
13 Middle East Oil-Exporters ¹	161	82	54	24
14 Singapore	144	89	51	4
15 Taiwan	126	7	117	2
16 France	121	70	41	10
17 Korea, South	118	1	106	11
18 Hong Kong	96	23	47	26
19 Australia	92	57	26	10
20 Sweden	84	49	33	1
21 Mexico	80	13	51	16
22 Russia	76	*	14	62
23 British Virgin Islands	75	47	24	4
24 Norway	68	37	29	2
25 Italy	50	31	15	4
Country Unknown	196	2	193	1
Rest of world	569	162	323	84
Total	6,863	2,143	4,118	602
Of which: Official	1,992	179	1,474	338

1. Includes Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates (Trucial States)

* Less than \$500 million..