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This paper analyzes the foreign exchange markets of the Portuguese escudo against the U.S. dollar during the recent period of generalized float. The Portuguese experience is interesting because both the official foreign exchange market and the money market have been tightly controlled by the central bank and "free" spot and forward markets have developed in Lisbon and New York respectively.

After a description of these various markets, in Section I, an "equilibrium" exchange rate based on interest rate differentials in constructed in Section II, and "efficiency" tests are applied to the official and black markets in Section III, using regression techniques and causality tests.

The absence of covered interest arbitrage is shown not to prevent acceptance of the tests for weak efficiency of the forward market when the official rate is used. On the other hand, the linkage between the official and black market rate is rejected both by the inefficiency of the forward market using the black market rate and by the independence of the official and black market rates.

I. The Foreign Exchanges

1. The existence and the operation of markets where the Portuguese escudo is exchanged for other currencies is surrounded with some mystery. The central bank sets twice daily spot rates of exchange of the escudo against 17 major currencies, 1 and these rates are used in the transactions of commercial banks with the public. Transactions in foreign currencies are, in principle, restricted to authorized residents. Foreign holders of escudo and unauthorized residents are thus excluded from the "official" exchange market. On the other hand, authorizations to residents are restricted to holders of import and export licenses granted less than 120 days ago. With respect to receipts from invisible trade, namely private remittances, no authorization is needed.

Therefore, prior registration of imports and exports of goods in the form of a bulletin (BRI for imports, BRE for exports) is required. For all exports and imports free of quantitative restrictions, the purpose of this registration is to enforce the surrender of foreign exchange of the monetary authorities. The commercial banks themselves can only deal in foreign exchange with the Bank of Portugal and are not expected to solicit foreign exchange transactions with banks abroad or to enter into arbitrage operations in foreign markets. The gross holdings of foreign exchange by commercial banks and their net foreign asset position are also subject to control by the central bank.

The official spot market for the escudo relies therefore on a two tier structure. On one level the bulleting holders and the commercial banks, on the other the commercial banks and the Bank of Portugal, whereby

See the Annual Reports on Exchange Restrictions of the IMF, since the 1951 supplement.

the former balance flow demand and supply of foreign exchange given their working balances on foreign currency.

The rate set by the Central Bank is influence both by the reported excess demand for and supply of foreign exchange commercial banks and by the outlook on the cross rates between the currencies quoted by the central bank. Excess demand and supply for foreign exchange by the commercial banks is in turn related, with leads for imports and lags for exports, to the bulletins granted by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade. The central bank may balance these demands and supplies either by changing the rate or by selling reserves to the commercial banks. The analysis of exchange rate policies in Portugal suggests, however, that considerations other than the daily balancing of commercial banks demand and supply have been determinant in the setting of the official rate by the central bank. 1

There has been no official forward market for the escudo, except from September 1977 to April 1978, during which period the Bank of Portugal provided forward cover in ten major currencies. The commercial banks are authorized to enter into swap transactions with the Bank of Portugal and also into forward transactions with individual customers, provided that the forward rate lies within the spot bid-ask spread, which is equivalent to suppress a forward premium as such.

2. In sum, the official market for foreign exchange is devised to remain predominantly located in Portual, and access to it is tightly controlled by the Central Bank and the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, except for supply of foreign exchange associated with invisible trade and unrequited transfers. It can be argued that such a tightly controlled exchange regime provides strong incentives for the development of unofficial markets where the price of foreign exchange that equates desired to actual stocks of foreign exchange by domestic residents and of domestic

See Macedo (1979b) and (1979c).

currency by foreign residents is determined. And, indeed, evidence of capital flight from Portugal in the years after the revolution, together with the great importance of invisible receipts from tourism and emigrants, would ensure a regular supply of foreign exchange to these unofficial markets, even if bulletin holders would always surrender or request the authorized amount of foreign exchange, which is widely believed not to be the case. In fact, forward premia on the escudo are quoted in New York and unauthorized dealers in foreign exchange in Geneva, New York, and Rio de Janeiro, have created an unofficial spot market for the escudo mostly located in Lisbon.

Data on the official forward rates and the ones quoted in New York during the brief overlap (see Table 1) show a spread of the same order of magnitude as the spread between bid and offer, even though in the last month of overlap, April 1978, it was as high as 6 percent for the 6 month forward rate. Furthermore, alternative sources on the escudo black market rate against the dollar roughly agree with each other

¹See Macedo (1979_a).

²I owe the information of the existence of such a market to D. Danker. Einzig (1967) mentions occasional operations in London, but no regular quotes on forward premia are recorded. Reuter and Samuel Montagu appear to report data on the escudo occasionally but the main source is International Reports Inc., New York. I am grateful to Ms. Gail Weisgrau for making this data available. On the subject of forward facilities in non-industrial countries see the discussion of Gerakis-Danker (1977).

Weekly escudo-dollar rates in the "inland parallel market in bank notes" are quoted in <u>IR Statistical Market Letter</u> and monthly rates are collected in <u>Pick's Currency Yearbook</u>. In the early 50's furthermore, a montly "free market rate" for escudo notes exchanged in Switzerland was reported in IFS. For 1977, Pick writes in characteristic style: "the black market continued to boom, as banknote smuggling under the protection of diplomatic immunity became big business, with corners carrying as many as esc. million in bank notes in one shipment. Meanwhile, an efficient "Payments Lisbon" network was now operating, centered in New York, Brazil and Zurich." (p. 495). There are also regular reports on the escudo in <u>International Currency Review</u>.

(see Table 2), even though in some cases there are percentage differences close to the black market premium using black market and spot rates from the same source. We include in Figures 5 to 7 a summary of the available weekly data from International Reports. 4

In Figure 1, the weekly one month bid and offer forward discount of the escudo against the dollar are shown from January 5, 1973 to August 18, 1978. It is noteworthy that in Figure 1 the spread between bid and offer discount became quite large since the announcement of the crawling peg cum forward rates in September 1977 after having declined fairly steadily since the period 1973-75. The speculative pattern of 1974-75, however, is different from the consistently large spread of mid 1973 and mid 1977 to 1978. In these two periods the persistence of the spread showed heterogenous expectations about revaluation and the ex-post rate of crawl respectively. In the interim period it was probably due to large individual operations. In Figure 2 the average between bid and offer is plotted for

The rates published in the Bank of Portugal Reports are averages of bid and offer. IFS reproduces these rates since December 1972 and the spot rate in IR is the bid rate in New York. The spread is generally small (for instance it was .23 escudo on 12/31/75 and .46 on 12/31/77). The spread of the forward discount in New York is larger and is discussed in the text. In Figure 5 the bid discount is higher since the forward rate is then lower than the asked one.

The data has been interpolated for missing observations in the last week of each year and also when no quotations were available. There are three major cases, from May 18 to June 15, 1973, from June 20 to August 15, 1975 and from February 20 to May 7, 1976. Other cases when more than two consecutive observations are missing are December 25, 1975 to January 16, 1976, June 18 to July 2, 1976, August 6 to August 20, 1976, September 24 to October 8 and August 26 to September 9, 1977. In 294 observations, a total of 53 where interpolated. An attempt at using a natural spline of degree 2 (or a cubic spline) for that purposed proved insatisfactory because very large values would occur in the interpolated intervals. Thus the best compromise seemed to be the spline of degree zero (which is like the linear interpolation). Against interpolation in similar circumstances, see Levich (1979a), p. 134.

Table 1

End of Month Forward Rates Against the Dollar (Average of bid and Offer)

	1 Mo	nth	3 M	lonths	6 M	onths
	Official	Free	Official	Free	Official	Free
1977; 9	41.25	41.72	42.10	43.51	43.42	44.37
1977;10	40.89	41.23	41.73	43.07	43.02	44.33
1977;11	41.26	41.65	42.19	43.70	43.5 9	44.83
1977;12	40.30	40.60	41.21	42.43	42.58	43.66
1978; 1	40.55	41.12	41.41	43.08	42.69	43.98
1978; 2	40.55	40.96	41.39	42.86	42.63	44.18
1978; 3	41.35	41.86	42.16	43.85	43.38	45.26
1978; 4	42.36	43.03	43.22	44.95	44.48	47.16

Note: Official forward quotations were discontinued on May 4, 1978.

Source: Official: Bank of Portugal Annual Report, 1977, p. 295 and 1978 p. 339.

"Free": Computed from forward discounts in New York from <u>International</u> Reports.

Table 2
Escudo Dollar Exchange Rates

	Bla	ck Market	(Bid)	Ufficial		
					(Bid)	(Average)
-	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1974, 4	25.98	26.32	25.00	25.5(1)	27.40	n.a.
1975,12	26.46	25.97	25.3 5	27.5(1)	24.69	24.710*
1975, 1	25.91	25.64	25.30	27.5(1)	24.21	24.530
1975, 3	26.29	26.67	28.00	32.0(2)	24.24	24.205
1975, 5	26.19	25.32	24.80	37.0(2)	24.30	24.457
1975, 9	39.26	37.04	36.00	40.0(2)	27.49	27.014
1976, 1	37.19	37.04	41.00	36.0(1)	27.44	27.381
1977, 1	36.10	35.84	35.00	39.0(1)	32.16	31.994
L977, 4	41.07	44.05	n.a.	42.5(1.5)	38.72	38.773
5	42.26	41.07	11	42.5(1.5)	38.79	38.727
6	40.57	39.37	11	43.0(1)	38.82	38.732
7	41.03	40.82	tt	42.5(1)	38.68	38.478
8	45.57	48.00	199	44.0(1.5)	38.98	38.796
9	46.47	45.05	i ti	45.0(1.5)	40.79	40.601
10	43.72	44.44	11	45.0(1.5)	40.08	40.628
11	44.59	44.44	11	45.5(1.5)	41.18	40.646
12	45.26	47.62	11	46.5(1.5)	39.50	40.276
.978, 1	48.78	48.78	11	45.5(1)	40.18	40.134
2	43.83	41.84	11	45.5(1)	39.98	40.233
3	42.36	41.15	11	46.0(1.5)	41.14	40.751
4	42.70	43.48	11	45.0(1)	41.93	41.402
5	45.52	46.51	11	47.0(1)	45.94	45.151
6	45.78	45.45	11	47.0(1.5)	45.74	45.741
7	44.65	45 .5 6	## -	47.5(1.5)	45.56	45.548
8	45.45	45.45	***	47.0(1)	45.82	45.294
9	47.59	54.05	11	47.5(1)	45.46	45.447
10	50.00	50.00	11	47.0(1)	44.33	44.643
11	50.00	50.00	#1	48.0(1)	46.96	46.435
12	49.32	47.62	11	n.a.	45.89	46.470
.979, 1	48.80	50.00	11	**	47.06	n.a.
2	48.98	47.62	11	11	47.62	n.a.
3	47.35	46.95	11	11	48.25	n.a.

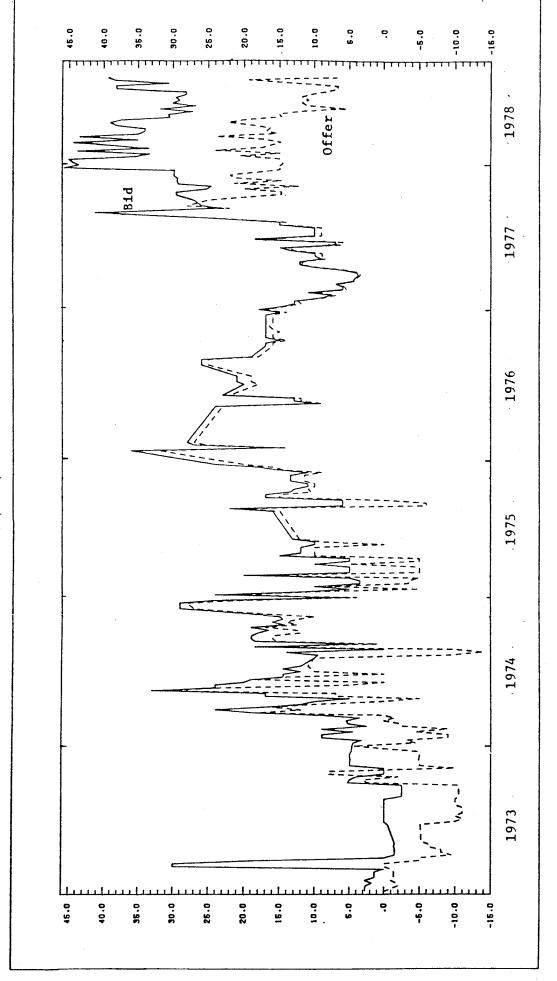
Note: (4) Records have been destroyed before 1977;4 and numbers reported above the line are thus approximate.

Bid end of period

Sources:

- (1) International Reports bid in Lisbon: average of weekly data
- (2) International Reports bid in Lieban: last Thursday of the month
- (3) Pick's Currency Yearbook 1976-77, New York, 1978, p. 494.
- (4) Withheld by request based in Rio, Brazil, bid in Lisbon. spread between bid and offer in escudos in parentheses.
- (5) International Reports bid in New York: last Thursday of the month
- (6) Banco de Portugal Annual Report; monthly average of bid and offered in Lisbo

Figure 1
1 MONTH FORWARD DISCOUNT ON THE ESCUDO AGAINST THE DOLLAR



Source: Series (1) and (3) in the Appendix

-10.0 10.0 20.0 26.0 16.0 80.0 36.0 10.0 45.0 Source: Series (1) to (6) in the Appendix 1973 1974 1975 1 Month 1976 1977 1978 -10.0 -6.0 10.0 30.0 16.0 20.0 26.0 36.0 40.0 46.0 6.0

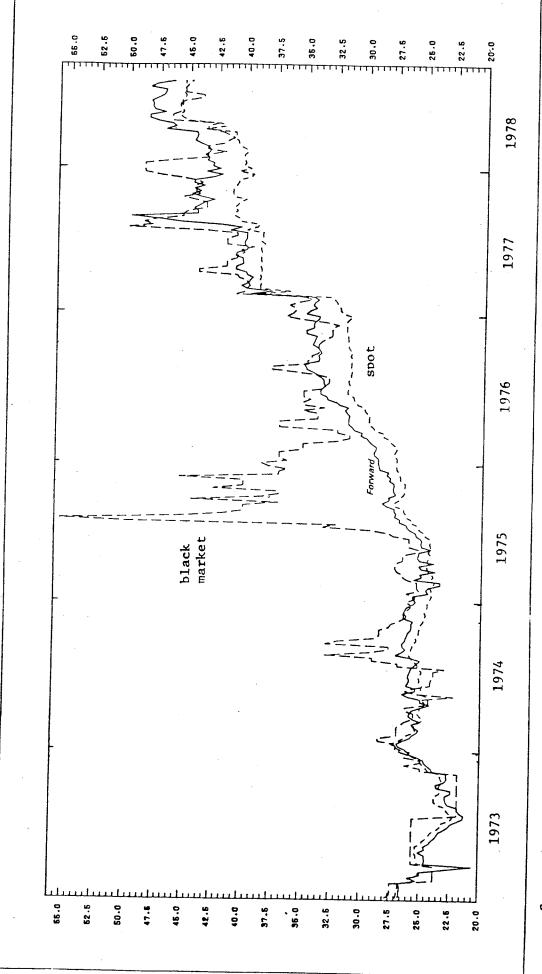
Figure $\,2\,$ FORWARD DISCOUNT ON THE ESCUDO AGAINST THE DOLLAR (in percent per annuam)

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Figure 3

Spot, forward and black market exchange rates





Source:Series (4),(7) and (8) in the Appendix

the three available maturities. 1 Even though one would presume that longer term expectations have a larger variance, the discounting factor and probably the amount of transactions are stronger in this case and the greatest variability is displayed by the one month segment.

In Figure 3 we use the bid discount with the higher maturity to obtain the 6 month bid forward rate and we plot it together with the bid spot rate used in the calculation and the bid black market rate for reference. With a few exceptions in the beginning of the period and in during the first half of 1975, the forward rate is consistently above the spot rate, thus displaying the so-called "peso problem", a reference to a similar situation in the Mexican foreign exchange market. 2

As far as the black market rate is concerned, a much greater variability than the spot and forward rates is evident. During the periods of civil strife in late 1974 and in the second half of 1975 the black market rate becomes quite larger (113 percent on August 15, the week of the resistance to the Marxist Fifth Provisional Government and 69 percent on November 28, when Lisbon was under state of siege). Then, just before the introduction of the crawling peg in late August 1977 and when the negotiations with the IMF led to the fall of the First Constitutional Government in late 1977 the premium reached 20 percent. In other cases, namely during early 1973 and after February 1978, the black market rate is below the official rate.

ln a few cases 12 month rates were quoted. 4/12/73 PAR - 10.33 Premium; 6/22/73 1.06 P - 4.05 P; 5/2/75 9:00 D - 3.00 D; 5/28/76 10.50 D - 10.00 D; 10/15/76 17.00 D - 16.00 D.

²See Krugman (1977), Frankel (1978) and Krasker (1979).

The assess intuitively whether the information contained in the spot rate is used by the market in generating the forward discount we take the end of month values of the mid-point forward rate for the most popular maturity, 3 months, and plot the lagged values together with the official mid point spot rate and the bid black market rate in Figure 4. The divergence is clear not only for the black market rate, which confirms that the two markets serve different purposes, since the black market rate refers basically to bank notes, but also for the official rate. Excluding overlapping contracts by the use of end of quarter data we confirm in Figure 5 that there is little agreement between the actual depreciation and the one expected by the market. Nevertheless, using, standard weak inefficiency tests, it is shown in Section III that the null hypothesis of efficiency cannot be rejected for the one month and three monthly segments of the market (there are not enough observations to carry out these tests for the six month segment) which is a way of emphasizing the virtues of taking expected values.

II. An "Equilibrium" Exchange Rate

Before inquiring further on the efficiency hypothesis we recall the Fisher equation according to which the forward rate is equal to the interest rate differential or

$$F_{t,t+1} = \frac{1+R_{t,t+1}}{1+R_{t}^{*}}$$
, $S_{t} = (1+d_{t,t+1})S_{t}$

where d is the forward discount.

Now given comparable securities yielding R in the domestic economy and R* in the foreign economy, in an interval determined by transactions costs, covered interest rate arbitrage is supposed to bring about interest rate parity. In Figure 6 we compare the hypothetical three month domestic interest

On empirical evidence for this type of arbitrage amongst the major currencies and new estimates of the transactions costs, see Frenkel-Levich (1975) and (1977).

Figure 4
OFFICIAL AND BLACK MARKET RATES AND 3-MONTH
FORWARD RATE LAGGED
(End of period)

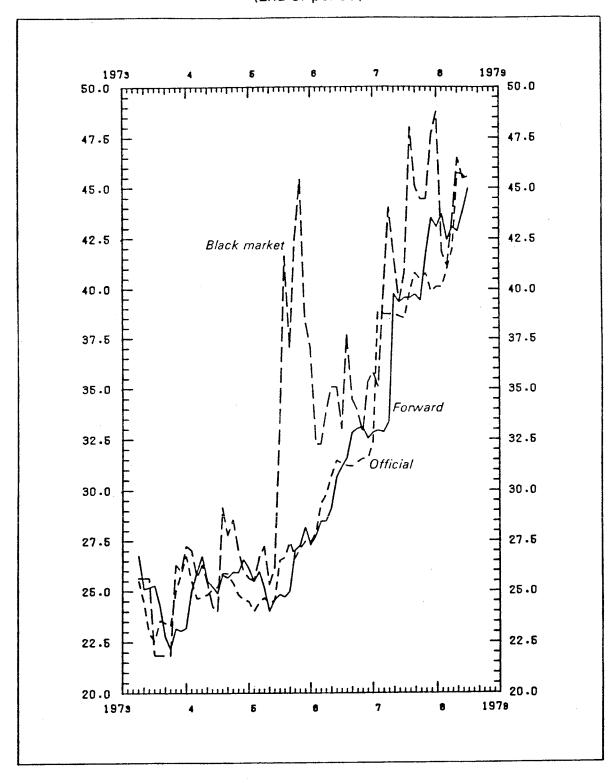
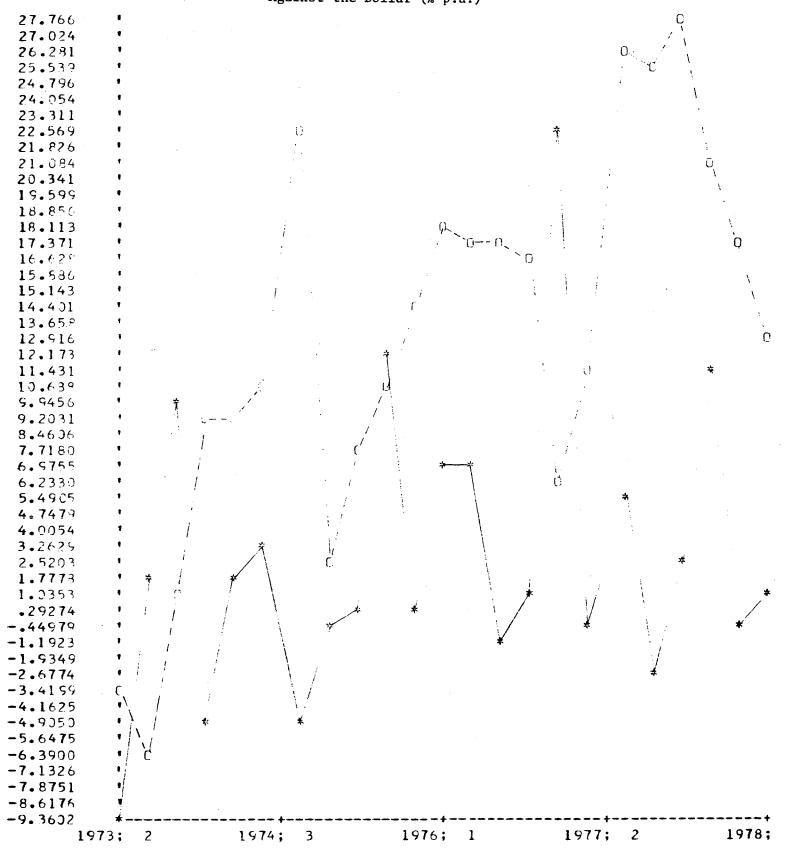


Figure 5

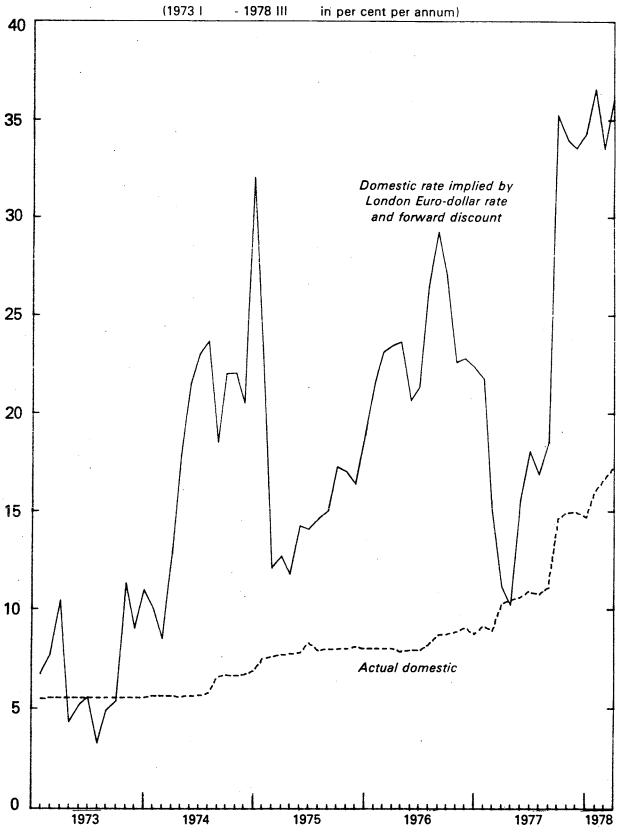
Expected and Actual Depreciation Against the Dollar (% p.a.)



-*-Rate of Change of the Dollar Rate
--O--3 month discount against the dollar lagged, from series (2) and (4)

Figure 6

3-MONTH INTEREST RATE PARITY



Source:Series (13) and (16) in the Appendix

rate implied by the 3 month forward discount on the dollar and the 3 month eurodollar rate to the actual 3 month domestic bill rate. The difference is, of course, very large. Exchange controls, an administratively set interest rate, and a sizable probability of default ¹ can explain why the weakest manifestation of short term asset arbitrage across countries does not take place between the Portuguese money market and the euro-dollar market. ²

Even if covered interest rate arbitrage does not obtain, because the domestic interest rate and the official spot rate are administratively set, we can nevertheless think of the difference between the spot rate and an "equilibrium" spot rate as a measure of interest rate differentials. In fact, by recursive use of the Fisher equation interpreted as a condition for uncovered interest rate arbitrage, or saying that the expected spot rate, S, is equal to the forward rate, we can, if expectations are consistent, write the expected spot rate τ periods ahead as; 3

¹From about 3% of the amount of discounted bills in 1973, the percentage shot up to 47 in 1975 and down to about 7 in early 1978. See Barcuo Portugues do Atlantico, Conjuntura, August 1978, Figure 27.

For the computation of escudo yields on securities denominated in foreign currency using the actual depreciation of the escudo see Barbosa-Beleza (1979 Table 6): With Germany the differential was 33% in 1977 and 23% in 1978. The issue is discussed in Dornbusch-Taylor (1977) and Dornbusch (1979), who, using the Brazilian experience, argue that the implied disincentive is small nevertheless and in Diaz (1979b) who, using the Argentinian one, points to the dangers of excessive financial inflows.

³See Kouri-Macedo (1978), p. 130. Also Dornsbusch (1978) defines the spot rate as the expected rate discounted at the (nominal) interest rate differential.

$$\tilde{S}_{t,\tau} = (1+d_{t,t+1})^{(1+d_{t+1,t+2})} (1+d_{t+2,t+3}) \dots (1+d_{t+d_{t+2}})^{S}_{t}$$

or approximately:

$$\log(S_{t,\tau}/S_t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\tau} d_{t+i,t+i+1}$$

By incorporating a long run inflation differential we interpret d as the real forward discount. Now if we assume that the real forward discount is a random walk, the long run equilibrium rate based on information available at time t, S_t , can simply be written as

$$\tilde{S}_{t} = S_{t} \exp (d/1-b)$$

For empirical purposes, we define the 1 month real forward discount as the nominal discount adjusted for relative consumer price inflation averaged over the previous twelve months or

$$rd_{t}^{1} = F_{t}^{1} - S_{t} + \sum_{i=0}^{12} (\log P_{t-1} - \log P_{t-i-1} - \log P_{t-i}^{*} + \log P_{t-i-1}^{*})$$

In Table 4 we include summary statistics on the nominal discount of the escudo against the dollar, the inflation differential and the real discount and then the results of a regression of the real discount on its lagged value and a constant. The constant being significant shows that there is a drift and therefore that convergence is not achieved with the

stochastic process postulated, ¹ which is not surprising given the risk factors mentioned above. In fact, the real discount implies that, at its mean value, the exchange rate would be expected to increase by over 100 percent p.a. ²

In Figure 11 the spot rate, the black market rate and the hypothetical 'equilibrium' rate are plotted together. Except for the summer of 1975, there is a much greater conformity between the equilibrium and the black market rates than between the equilibrium and the official spot rate, showing that there is some tendency for the forces of arbitrage to work in the black market rather than the official market.

4. How strong are these forces can be seen ex-post, but it is nevertheless interesting to inquire about the sizes of these free markets for the escudo. 3

Dealers are of course, less certain about the size of the market than they are about prices therein. Nevertheless, one source claims that there is some agreement that the amount of black market transactions in a given year should be about \$50 million, 40 percent of which carried out in Lisbon.

$$\tau-1$$
 Σ
 $(\tau-1)$
 $b^{1} = e^{\alpha} (\tau-1) [1-\alpha-\tau (\alpha^{2}-1)/\alpha] + \tau/\alpha - 1$

With $rd^1 = 20.7$ percent p.a. \tilde{S} -S/S = 102.5 percent p.a.

The old argument about stabilizing or destabilizing speculation reduces of course, to whether there is enough of it. Machłup (1972) argues that there is, and more convincingly, McKinnon (1979) argues that the evidence points the other way. Indeed, Grossman-Stiglitz (1976) have shown that divergence of expectations imply the rejection of the "strong efficient market hypothesis", according to which market prices capture all available information, when information is costly to acquire.

TABLE 3

The "Equilibrium" Spot Rate (Monthly Data 1973; 1-1977;12)

Summary Statistics (% p.a.)

d^{1}	11.013	10.062	- 6.5	28.25
π -π*	9.653	7.441	-2.5	32.73
rd ¹	20.666	14.392	-5.88	42.60

Regression (number per month)

$$rd_{t}^{1} = .00407 + .78538 rd_{t-1}^{1}$$
(.001517) (.07725)

$$R^2 = .6446$$

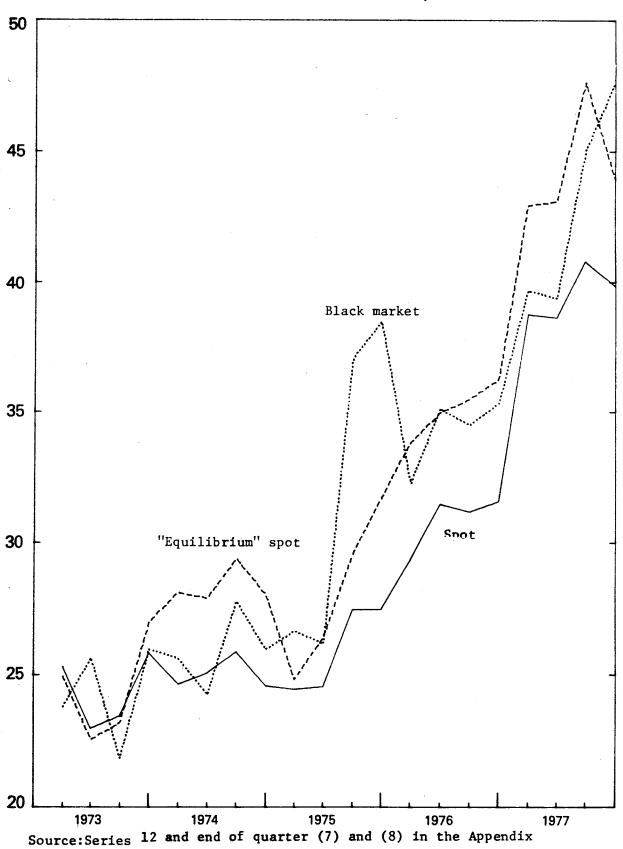
Durbin h = -1.291

S.e.r. = .99711

Notes: Standard errors in parenthesis

Source: Average of end of month values of series (1) and (4), and series (9) to (11) in the Appendix

SPOT RATE, "EQUILIBRIUM" SPOT RATE AND BLACK MARKET RATE (End of quarter)



Other sources put the size of the market at \$260 million, no less than 12 percent of imports, whereas the analysis of partner country data has shown that underinvoicing of exports from 1973 to 1977 was about \$225 million, with half for 1975 alone¹, or 2 percent of f.o.b. exports over the same period.

That the flows in the market are small does not imply that foreign exchange balances of Portuguese residents are negligible since the black market rate equilibrates a stock and the flows are basically a link between the official current account transactions and the ability to increase or decrease that stock. The variability of the black market rate responds to valuation changes rather than actual transactions, as implied by portfolio models of exchange rate determination.²

¹The flow estimates are reported in Toscano (1978) from Lisbon experts on the unofficial market. The estimates from partner country data are in Barbosa-Beleza (1979, Table 7).

²See Macedo (1979c).

III. Efficiency of the Foreign Exchange Markets

1. As we pointed out above, even if cover interest arbitrage does not obtain, a market in non-interest bearing assets denominated in different currencies can still develop, based on the expectations of capital gains on the future price of foreign exchange. It is therefore useful to assess whether the links between the official market, the forward market and the black market for the escudo against the dollar are sufficient to ensure weak 'efficiency'. Standard tests are available for this purpose, which are really "inefficiency" tests. 2

The basic conditions for all of the information about the future spot rate, S, to be captured by the forward rate, F are 3

- b) the absence of serial correlation of prediction errors, testable by a regression like

$$S_{t}^{-F}_{t-1} = a(1-\rho)+\rho(S_{t-1}^{-F}_{t-2})$$

 $a = \rho = 0$

¹ Efficiency tests are in fact testing a joint hypothesis about equilibrium rates and the efficient use of information. Tests developed below are addressed to the second aspect. See Levich (1978) and Jensen (1978).

² In fact profitable rules may exist which were not captured by the model. Dooley-Shafer (1975) find x per cent filters to be profitable in some situations but not for all currencies and subperiods.

³ See Krugman (1977) p. 32-33 and Frankel (1977) for similar approaches.

c) The absence of information about prediction errors in the forward rate itself, testable by a regression like

$$S_{t}^{-\rho S}_{t-1} = a (1-\rho) + b(F_{t-1}^{-\rho F}_{t-2})$$

 $a = \rho = 0 \quad b = 1$

d) the absence of information in past values of the spot rate, testable by a regression like

$$S_{t} - \rho S_{t-1} = a (1-\rho) + b (F_{t-1} - \rho F_{t-2}) + c (S_{t-2} - \rho S_{t-3})$$

 $a = \rho = c=0 \quad b = 1$

The major assumptions underlying these tests are first the absence of a risk premium, which if constant, would imply a $\neq 0^1$. Second that forward contracts do not overlap, that is to say that the maturity matches or is smaller than the observation period. Rationality would, in fact, imply a fourth order moving average process for the prediction of the one month forward rate with weekly data, an MA(3) for the prediction of the 3 month forward rate using monthly data etc.

This would lead to $P \neq 0$ and also to inconsistent estimates since the error term will not be spherical normal.²

¹ On the existence of the risk premium, see Kouri (1975), Frankel (1978) and Stockman (1978), who derives and estimates a constant risk premium. See also Brillembourg (1978) who argues for an analysis of the predictability of the future forward rate, rather than the usual procedure or concentrating on the future spot rate, and estimates the term structure on the risk premium.

2 See Frankel (1977), Appendix I and Obstfeld (1978), p_2 8. In fact, if the error term ϵ_t can be written as $\epsilon_t = a_t (1+\theta_1 B + \theta_2 B^2 + \theta_3 B^3)$ where a

is white noise and B is the MA operator then ε will be correlated with ε_{t+1} through ε_{t+3} and so on. Levich (1978), interested in forecasting errors of alternative models, does not mention the problem.

Third, that there is no forward intervention by the central bank. $\frac{1}{2}$

There is also the paradox derived from the fact that, from Jensen's inequality, $E(\widetilde{S}_t) > F_t$ and therefore that even under risk-neutrality, the anticipated domestic price of foreign currency, S_t will be larger than the forward price if expectations are not held with certainty. This is however, empirically unimportant except under conditions of hyperinflation and, by using logs, the definition of the exchange rate as the domestic price of foreign currency or its inverse does not matter. 3

For our purposes the third assumption is not troublesome given the offshore nature of the forward market. The second implies however that only the one month segment of the market can readily be tested with monthly data and the three month segment with quarterly data. The weekly series in fact, has overlapping contracts.

Nevertheless, the application of these tests to the prediction of the Portuguese official spot rate would involve basically a guess about the speculative use of foreign exchange by bulletin holders which is not is reflected on the official forward rates. It seems that the tests should also be directed to the "free" spot rate, where the rationale for unexploited profits can be more readily accepted.

¹ Obstfeld (1978) emphasizes that this aspect has received little attention. See, however, Siegel's (1972) p. 307 analysis of the 1969 pound crisis.

² See Siegel (1972).

³ See McCulloch (1975), Krugman (1977) who uses a common deflator for the German hyperinflation case and Dooley-Shafer (1976) p. 32 footnote (7).

⁴⁷ Stockman (1978) imposes the MA(4) and estimates the coefficients by assuming that it corresponds to the learning of the market, and thus does not allow for a term structure in the risk premium, as Brillembourg (1978) pointed out. Obstfeld (1978) uses an ingenious estimation technique in order to find consistent estimates without the Gauss-Markov assumptions.

The difficulty lies on the fact that there is no 'black forward'
market and therefore that the forward rate in New York has to be corrected for
the premium of the black market rate over the official spot rate. Furthermore,
there is no way of comparing two different maintained hypotheses, namely that

$$E(OS_t/I_{t-1}^0) = F_{t-1}$$

where E is the expectations operator

I is the relevant information set

OS is the log of the official spot rate

F is the log of the forward rate in New York or that

$$E(BS_{t}/I_{t-1}^{B}) = F_{t-1} + (BS_{t-1} - OS_{t-1})$$

where BS is the log of the black market spot rate.

Even if both sets of tests were accepted, there would be no implication about how the two spot rates relate to each other. We will take up this question again below, using explicit causality tests.

We start with the official rate and run the regressions described above, the results being reported in Table 4 for monthly data and the one month forward rate and in Table 5 for quarterly data and the three month forward rate.

The tests on each one of the restrictions are found in Table 6. The first is a simple t-test whereas the others use the fact that by comparing the difference in the residual sum of squares of the unconstrained regression and the sum of the squared forecast errors to the residual sum of squares of the unconstrained regression we are in effect computing the log of the likelihood ratio, which is asymptotically distributed as $\chi^2(q)$ where q is the number of restrictions imposed. The results are overwhelmingly favorable to the null

¹ See Theil (1971) p. 396. This procedure is used in Krugman (1977) who nevertheless uses an implicit sequence of tests.

Tatle 4. One month Forward and Official Spot Market 'Efficiency' (monthly data 1973; 7-1978; 7=61)

	a	ъ	c	R ²	D.W.	ρ	SSR
1.	.000042 (.0043)			-	1.81	-	.0675
2.	000020 (.0047)	·			1.98	.092 (.016)	.0670
3.	.0615 (.0755)	.982 (.022)		.97	1.97	.100 (.016)	.0662
4.	.0684 (.0937)	.832 (.127)	.149 (.132)	.96	1.94	.244	.0651

Equations

1.
$$OS_t - F_{t-1} = a$$
 estimated by OLS
2. $OS_t - F_{t-1} = a$ estimated by Cochrane-Orcutt
3. $OS_t = a + bF_{t-1}$ " " "
4. $OS_t = a + b F_{t-1} + cOS_{t-2}$ " " "

Memo:
$$\sum_{t} (OS_{t} - F_{t-1})^{2} = .0675$$

Table 5. Three Month Forward and Official Spot Market 'Efficiency' (quarterly data 1973; 4-1978; 4 N=21)

	a	ъ	c	R ²	D.W.	ρ	SSR
1.	00128 (.0140)			-	2.16	-	.0829
2.	00192 (.0118)			-	1.87	175 (0.46)	.0802
3.	.181 (.179)	.947 (.051)		.96	1.91	157 (.046)	.0761
4.	.044 (.238)	.724 (.231)	.266 (251)	.92	1.94	.078 (.05)	.0647

Same equations as in Table 1.

Memo: $SSR_{,c} = .0830$

Table 6. Efficiency Tests Official Rate

				Estimated			
Proposition	s tested	Test	95% level	monthly	quarterly	Eq	Row
A. a=c=ρ=0		x ² (4) x ² (3) x ² (2) t	9.49 7.81 5.99 1.96	2.249 1.198 .455 .010	5.940 1.904 .733 091	4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4
B. a=c =0 ρ=0		F(3,58) F(3,18) u.D.W.(4,61 u.D.W.(4,2)		.279 1.90	.720 1.82	<u>Sign. 1</u> 84. 55.	.1

hypothesis, both when the absence of autocorrelation is tested by means of the D.W. statistic and the linear constraints by means of an F. tests (panel B) and when all restrictions are simultaneously tested by means of a χ^2 test (panel A, row 1). It should, however, be pointed out that the construction of the forward rate based on the discount adjusted from a per cent per annum basis brings the one month forward rate very close indeed to the official spot rate.

The regressions on the forward rate and the black market premium,

p = BS - OS

8 for monthly and quarterly samples respectively. A similar set of tests is reported in Table 9. The interpretation there is slightly less immediate, since the X² tests comes close to acceptance of "efficiency" for monthly data whereas the F test rejects it. The converse holds for quarterly data. The precision of the estimate of the black market premium is, however, quite different for both samples. The monthly sample yields a coefficient of .83±.13 and the quarterly sample a coefficient of .28±.26. The lack of precision of the latter estimate leads to an acceptance of the restriction b₁=b₂ whereas this is not the case for the other sample. When both coefficients are constrained to be unity, the quarterly sample fails the test. Note finally that the F test has a wider confidence interval since it is conditional on the test for the absence of autocorrelation. Furthermore, Tables 6 and 9 also provide results on the partial tests, which are however of limited interest when a test of all the restrictions can be derived.

Table 7. One Month Forward and Black Market 'Efficiency'

(monthly data 1973;7 - 1978;7 N=61)

	a	b ₁	ъ ₂	c	R^2	D.W.	ρ	S SR
1.	0017 (.0112)					1.99		.461639
2.	0017 (.0113)					1.95	.003 (.016)	.461592
3.	.0949 (.187)	.980 (.055)	.687 (.093)		.84	1.93	.151 (.016)	.3 89814
4.	.1056 (.1818)	1.058 (.1369)	.7679 (.1336)	0082 (.1320)	.86	1.93	.078 (.016)	.3 89985

Equations

1.
$$BS_t - F_{t-1} - P_{t-1} = a$$
 estimated by OLS

2.
$$BS_t - F_{t-1} - P_{t-1} = a$$
 estimated by Coch-Orcutt

3.
$$BS_t = a + b F_{t-1} + b_2 p_{t-1}$$
 "

4.
$$BS_t = a + b_1 F_{t-1} + b_2 P_{t-1} + cBS_{t-2}$$
 estimated by Coch-Orcutt

Memo:
$$\sum_{t} (BS_{t} - F_{t-1} - P_{t-1})^{2} = .46177$$

Table 8. Three Month Forward and Black Market 'Efficiency' (quarterly data 1973;4 - 1978;4 N=21)

	a .	b ₁	ъ ₂	c	R ²	D.W.	р -	SSR .314699
1.	.00605 (.0274)				-	2.025	19	.302604
2.	.00560 (.0227)			•	-	2.025	(.046)	
3.	.48055	.8902	1189 (.255)		.853	1.9055	.462 (.037)	.195548
	(.5 3565)	(.1546)	(.233)		761	1.894	.244	.195713
4.	.30352 (.4573)	.88653 (.2466)	.1574 (.2915)	.04712 (.2414)	.764	1.054	(.047)	

Same equations as in Table la.

Memo $SSR_c = .34497$

Table 9. Efficiency Tests: Black Market Rate

	Proposition tes	sted Test	95% level	monthly	Quarter1	y Eq	Row
		2	11.07	11.23	16.01	4	1
A.	$a=c=\rho=0$ $b_1=b_2=0$ $a=\rho=0$ $b_1=b_2=1$	2	9.49	11.26	16.05	3	2
	a=p=0 $a=p=0$	x ² (2)	5.99	.024	2.94	2	3
	a=0	t	1.96	143	.221	1	4.
						<u>s</u>	ign. Level
в.	a=c=0 b ₁ =b ₂	F(3,59)	2.76	3.47			2.1
		F(3,17)	3.20		3.06		5.6
	ρ=0	u.D.W.(4,61)	1.68	1.95			
		u,D.W.(4,21)	1.67		1.75		

2. We now use an alternative technique, to test 'efficiency' in the free foreign exchange market for the Portuguese escudo. Here the market will be said to be 'efficient' when a test for the randomness of the series capturing new information is accepted. For the forward market, the implication is that the series of forward premia on non-overlapping contracts should be "white noise".

Table 10 reports the values of Box-Pierce χ^2 test for randomness with lags that are roughly a fourth of the series. The lower the value, the closer one is to accepting randomness. Choosing the .10 significance level, we would accept the hypothesis that the 3 and 6 month discounts are "white noise" but we would then allow for a large type II error. In fact we know that the problem of overlapping contracts would be particularly serious for 3 and 6 month discounts.

To investigate further the stochastic behavior of the series with which the discounts were presumably constructed, we used the spot rate from the same source and obtained series of bid forward rates.

Table 11 summarizes the identification and estimation of ARMA processes to the logarithmic differences of the weekly series of the official bid spot rate (S1), the black market bid rate (S2), and the 1, 3, and 6 month bid forward rates of the escudo against the dollar. It is noteworthy that a simple ARMA (2,2) process filters S2, F3 and F6 at the 85 per cent confidence level or better. In panel 3 we find the most complete filter that was found, which namely for the 3 month forward rate is somewhat complicated. In fact, the spike of the autocorrelation function at a mid year lag may be more pronounced simply because this is usually the most developed part of what otherwise is taken to be a fairly thin market.

Table 12 reports causality tests on the original and filtered variables, and they are particularly robust since no causality result changes except that

with four lags a net effect of the spot and the one month forward rate on the 6 month forward rate are found.

The pattern of causality suggests that the spot exchange rate determines the 3 month rate which in turn determines both the 1 month and 6 month forward rate. On the other hand the black market rate, more sensitive as it is to expectations, is caused by the 3 and 6 month rates, rather than by the official spot rate.

The absence of causality ordering between the official and the spot market implies that the earlier sets of efficiency sets cannot be sorted out by an hypothesis about the relevant spot rate. The underlying regressions of the first differences in the lags of the two rates have the summary characteristics indicated in Table 13.

^{1.} The regressions of the spot rate on the black market gave rather poor results (see Table 13). The best fit was obtained in the one month forward market (.6 to .7). The other segments gave R² of .2 to .4.

Table 10. Forward discount (average of bid and offered)

Tests for randomness

	x ²		si gnif	. level
	W	M	W	M
1 month	88. 80	23.49	.01	.04
3 months	57.21	13.93	.54	.38
6 months	47.31	18.37	.86	.14

W weekly data 294 observations, 59 degrees of freedom series (1) to (6) in Appendix 4 M monthly data (end of period) 67 observations, 13 degrees of freedom

Table 11. ARIMA Identification and Estimation

1. Original Series: Test for Randomness with 59 degrees of freedom

	x ²	Significance level		
DLSI	43.40	.9362		
DLFI	48.99	.82 05		
DLS2	60.6 9	.4148		
DLF6	75.41	.0 736		
DLF3	80.68	.0319		

2. ARMA Process of Order 2: Test for Randomness of residuals with 56 d.f.

	AR 2	MA 2	x ²	s.e.
DLS2	869	787	67.03	.1486
	(.110)	(.138)		
DLF6	.161	.331	58.41	.386 8
	(.323)	(.309)		
DLF3	581	413	67.30	.1433
	(217)	(:243)		

3. Other Processes

DLS2	MA 8	MA 25	, x ²	s.e.
(56 d.f.)	182 (.056)	.161 (.056)	47.70	.7773
DLF3	AR 2 MA 1	MA 2 MA 2		
(54 d.f.)	525 .227 (.116)(.054)		27.49	.9990

Note: Logarithms first differences (DL) of the weekly bid spot rate (S1), black market (S2), 1 month forward rate (F1), 3 month forward rate (F3) and 6 month forward rate (F6) .293 observations from 1/12/78 to 8/18/78.

Table 12. Causality patterns with 24 lags

	DLS1	DLF1	DLF3	DLF6	DLS2
DLS1		0	+	0	0
DLF1			÷	0	0
DLF3			-'	0	. +
DLF6				÷	+
DLS2					

Note: Based on χ^2 test at .9 confidence level, .9 contemporaneous variables \Rightarrow (\leftrightarrow) row (column) variable causes column (row) variable. The pattern is the same when processes described in panel 3 of Table 8 are used as filters for F3, F6 and S2 and when only 12 lags are considered. With 4 lags it is found that S1 \Rightarrow F6 and F1 \Rightarrow F6.

Table 13. Official and Black Market Rates

Regression	R ²		F.	prob.	Signif. coef.		
	0	Filt.	0	Filt	00	Filt_	
S1 on lagged S2	.12	.12	.75	.72	c,0,-16	c,0	
S1 on lagged and led S2	.19	.18	.36	.34	0	0,-8	
S2 on lagged S1	.12	.10	.77	-50	0,-17	0	
S2 on lagged and led S1	.18	.14	.34	.05	0	0	•

Note: Weekly observations on the logarithmic first differences of the variables indicated N=293. 24 lags. Lags of coefficients with t>2 are indicated in the "signif. coef" column. F.prob. measures the confidence level of the F tests that all coefficients are zero.

Appendix

Data

A/Weekly Data

Sample Period: 1/3/73 to 8/18/78

1. OITSI

Offer one month discount of the escudo against the dollar in New York in percent per annum, missing data interpolated with a spline of degree zero--see footnote 5 page 5 in the text.

2. O3TSI1 = Offer three month discount, same as (1)

3. OffSI1 - Offer six month discount, same as (1)

4. BITSI1 = Bid one month discount, same as (1)

5. B3TSI1 = Bid three month discount, same as (1)

6. B6TSI1 = Bid six month discount, same as (1)

SP10I = Bid official market spot rate in New York in escudos per dollar

8. SP20I = Bid black market rate for banknotes in Lisbon

in escudos per dollar

Source: IR

B/Monthly Data

Sample Period: 1973; 1 to 1977; 12 unless otherwise noted

9. INFPORT = Portuguese inflation. 12 month moving average of the annualized percentage rate of change of (13) over the preceding month.

10. USINF = U.S. inflation, same as above, source <u>IFS</u>, line 64.

11. RFI		Real end of period one month real forward discount of the escudo against the dollar in % per annum. Average of end of month of (1) and (4), minus (26) plus (27).
12. ESPOT	•	"Equilibrium" end of period spot rate in escudo per dollar. Line ae from <u>IFS</u> times the exponential of (28) in number per month.
13. IR3	×	Portuguese three month commercial paper rate in % per annum. Source Estatisticas Monetarias e Financeiras (data to 1978; 3).
14. EURO		Three month euro-dollar rate in London in % per annum from IFS, 112 line 60 (data to 1978; 3).
15. MFB	=	Three month forward discount of the escudo against the dollar in % per annum, monthly average of (2) and (5) (updated to 1978; 3).
16. IIR	=	Implied escudo 3 month interest rate in % per annum, (31) plus (32).

DITSI1 BITSI1 D3TSI1 B3TSI1 D6TSI1 B6TSI1

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1974. 7.	5.750J	13.490	10.187	23.677
1974. 8.	6.5600	13.560	4.9000	18.460
1974. 9.	6.6700	12.340	9.6250	21.965
1974.10.	6.6300	10.900	11.125	22.025
1974.11.	6.7000	10.130	10.350	20.480
1974.12.	6.8900	10.310	21.750	32.060
1975. 1.	7.4800	8.5800	14.903	23.480
1975. 2.	7.6000	7.2000	4.8750	12.075
1975. 3.	7.7000	6.8500	5.8750	12.725
1975. 4.	7.7600	7.0400	4.75,00	11.790
1975. 5.	7.8300	6.2500	8.0000	14.250
1975. 6.	8.3000	6.1000	8.0000	14.100
1975. 7.	7.8900	7.1300	7.5000	14.630
1975. 8.	7.9800	7.2300	7.8303	15.030
1975. 9.	7.9900	7.0500	10.250	17.300
1975.10.	8.3003	7.1300	9.9000	17.030
1975.11.	8.1000	6.7900	9.6250	16.415
1975.12.	7.9900	6.4700	12.400	18.870

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1976. 1.	8.0100	5.4800	15.980	21.460
1976. 2.	8.0300	5.5300	17.558	23.088
1976. 3.	8.0000	5.6000	17.846	23.446
1976. 4.	7.8600	5.4100	18.192	23.602
1976. 5.	7.9200	5.9600	14.668	20.628
1976. 6.	7.9000	6.2200	15.094	21.314
1976. 7.	8.2000	5.7900	20.625	26.415
1976. 8.	8.7000	5.6700	23.562	29.232
1976. 9.	8.7300	5.5700	21.531	27-101
1976.10.	8.8500	5.4500	17.125	22-575
1976.11.	9.0700	5.3000	17.500	22-800
1976.12.	E.7200	5.0100	17.312	22.322
1977. 1.	9.1300	5.1500	16.562	21.712
1977. 2.	8.9100	5.0800	9.8687	14.949
1977. 3.	10.280	5.1100	6.0625	11.172
1977. 4.	10.470	5.1300	5.0510	10.181
1977. 5.	10.590	5.7700	9.7812	15.551
1977. 6.	10.930	5.7800	12.312	18.092
1977. 7.	10.730	5.7700	11.100	16.870
1977. 8.	11.140	6.3000	12.212	18.512
1977. 9.	14.633	6.5600	28.730	35.290
1977.10.	14.950	7.1300	26.890	34.020
1977.11.	14.970	7.0800	26.455	33.535
1977.12.	14.730	7.1200	27.203	34.323
1978. 1.	16.080	7.3100	29.316	36.626
1978. 2.	16.660	7.2700	26.221	33.491
1978. 3.	17.260	7.2600	28.807	36.067

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