

Pursuant to Article 43, paragraph (2), item (10) and Article 76a, paragraph (4) of the Act on the Croatian National Bank (Official Gazette 75/2008, 54/2013 and 47/2020), the Governor of the Croatian National Bank hereby issues the

Decision implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001 laying down measures necessary for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting and Council Regulation (EC) No 1339/2001

Subject matter

Article 1

This Decision provides for the implementation of the following acts of the European Union:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001 of 28 June 2001 laying down measures necessary for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting (OJ L 181, 4.7.2001), as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 44/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001 laying down measures necessary for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting (OJ L 17, 22.1.2009), hereinafter referred to as 'Council Regulation(EC) No 1338/2001'; and
- Council Regulation (EC) No 1339/2001 of 28 June 2001 extending the effects of Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001 laying down measures necessary for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting to those Member States which have not adopted the euro as their single currency (OJ L 181, 4.7.2001), as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 45/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1339/2001 extending the effects of Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001 laying down measures necessary for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting to those Member States which have not adopted the euro as their single currency (OJ L 17, 22.1.2009), hereinafter referred to as 'Council Regulation (EC) No 1339/2001'.

Entities subject to this Decision

Article 2

The entities subject to this Decision are laid down in Article 6, paragraph (1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001.

Actions of entities subject to this Decision with regard to suspected counterfeit euro banknotes and coins

Article 3

- (1) Within the meaning of Council Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001 and Council Regulation (EC) No 1339/2001, the Croatian National Bank shall be the competent national authority in the Republic of Croatia.
- (2) Entities subject to this Decision shall be obligated to withdraw from circulation received euro banknotes or coins which they suspect are counterfeit.

- (3) Entities subject to this Decision shall submit the withdrawn euro banknotes and coins referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article to the Croatian National Bank together with a completed Request for technical analysis which can be found on the Croatian National Bank website.
- (4) Entities subject to this Decision shall issue to the bearer of euro banknotes or coins which they know or suspect to be counterfeit a receipt for retention thereof.
- (5) Where a technical analysis procedure shows that the euro banknotes or coins referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article are not counterfeits, entities subject to this Decision shall immediately after receipt of the Report on the technical analysis of suspect euro banknotes and coins referred to in Article 4, paragraph (4) of this Decision and their return notify the bearer thereof and invite him to take over the coins and banknotes in question.

Actions of the Croatian National Bank with regard to suspected or identified counterfeit euro banknotes and coins

Article 4

- (1) The Croatian National Bank shall check the authenticity and carry out a technical analysis of any suspected counterfeit currency it receives.
- (2) Within the meaning of this Decision, the authentication of euro banknotes and coins means the examination of euro banknotes and coins for the purpose of separating suspected counterfeits.
- (3) A technical analysis of received euro banknotes shall be carried out at the National Analysis Centre (hereinafter referred to as 'NAC'), while a technical analysis of received euro coins shall be carried out at the Coin National Analysis Centre (hereinafter referred to as 'CNAC').
- (4) The national centres referred to in paragraph (3) of this Article shall compile a Report on the technical analysis of suspect euro banknotes or coins and shall deliver it to the person submitting the request immediately after completion of both the technical analysis and the report.
- (5) At written request, the Croatian National Bank shall deliver the stored counterfeit currency to judicial authorities and the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter referred to as 'MUP RC') for the purposes of criminal or preliminary proceedings.
- (6) For entities subject to this Decision, the National Counterfeit Centre (hereinafter referred to as 'NCC') shall organise and implement training for the authentication of euro banknotes and coins within the National Training Programme on Banknote and Coin Authentication for Bank and Financial Institution Employees.
- (7) The NCC shall provide authorised representatives of the entities subject to this Decision and authorised representatives of MUP RC with information on the detection and features of counterfeit euro banknotes and coins.

Transitional and final provisions

Article 5

This Decision shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force on the eighth day after the day of its publication.

Croatian National Bank
Governor
Boris Vujčić