

Fight against counterfeiting of the euro

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The Counterfeit Monitoring System

Established by ECB Decision of 8 November 2001 (OJ L337/49 of 20.12.2001)

- Aim: to built an integrated system of data collection and analysis as regards counterfeited notes and coins
- Integrated as such in the more global anti-counterfeiting framework defined by Council Regulation n°1338/2001

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Role of CMS

Central web-based database managed by the ECB:

- For the storage of counterfeited euro banknotes and coins
- Dual purpose : for technical and statistical matters
- Concerns counterfeited issued both in Euro Area, in other EU member States or in third countries

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Feeding the CMS

National entities allowed to introduce data:

- National Analysis Centre (NAC)
- Coin National Analysis Centre (CNAC)

- Feeding is done according to rules defined in Reg. 1338/2001 and the ECB-approved manual of procedure = every new type of counterfeit must be provided

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Using the CMS (I)

- ❑ Administration of access to the CMS is performed by a National Counterfeit Centre (NCC) established in each NCB
- ❑ NCC also guarantee confidentiality of CMS data within their respective country
- ❑ NCC must comply with security standards adopted and monitored by the ECB

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Using the CMS (II): access

- National Central Banks
- NAC & CNAC
- Two specialised bodies for analysis
 - Counterfeited Analysis Center (ECB)
 - European Technical and Scientific Centre (COM) for coins
- Europol

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Using the CMS: external arrangements

- ❖ Access to relevant data of the CMS may be granted to third countries by the ECB or through cooperation, association or pre-accession agreements as defined in article 9 of Council Reg. n°1338/2001

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