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(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

24 July 2023

(2023/C 262/01)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,1096	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,4635
JPY	Japanese yen	156,47	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	8,6688
DKK	Danish krone	7,4514	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,7888
GBP	Pound sterling	0,86350	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,4762
SEK	Swedish krona	11,5495	KRW	South Korean won	1 420,86
CHF	Swiss franc	0,9595	ZAR	South African rand	19,7927
ISK	Iceland króna	146,30	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	7,9749
NOK	Norwegian krone	11,1925	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	16 667,21
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	5,0736
CZK	Czech koruna	24,139	PHP	Philippine peso	60,590
HUF	Hungarian forint	378,38	RUB	Russian rouble	
PLN	Polish zloty	4,4460	THB	Thai baht	38,159
RON	Romanian leu	4,9240	BRL	Brazilian real	5,2981
TRY	Turkish lira	29,9078	MXN	Mexican peso	18,7332
AUD	Australian dollar	1,6469	INR	Indian rupee	90,7800

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

New national side of euro coins intended for circulation

(2023/C 262/02)

*National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by Finland*

Euro coins intended for circulation have legal tender status throughout the euro area. For the purpose of informing the public and all parties who handle the coins, the Commission publishes a description of the designs of all new coins ⁽¹⁾. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 ⁽²⁾, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the European Union providing for the issuing of euro coins are allowed to issue commemorative euro coins intended for circulation, provided that certain conditions are met, particularly that only the 2-euro denomination is used. These coins have the same technical characteristics as other 2-euro coins, but their national face features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

Issuing country: Finland

Subject of commemoration: Social and health services

Description of the design: The design represents a stylized map of Finland. The left-hand side bears the lettering 'WELL-BEING' in Finnish and Swedish. The year of issuance '2023' is slightly on the left-hand side in the middle of the coin. At the bottom is the indication of the issuing country 'FI'. At the right hand-side is the mintmark of the Mint of Finland.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

Estimated number of coins to be issued: 400 000

Date of issue: Autumn 2023

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

⁽²⁾ See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).

New national side of euro coins intended for circulation

(2023/C 262/03)



National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by Greece

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Issuing country: Greece

Subject of commemoration: 150 years from the birth of Constantin Carathéodory

Description of the design: The design features a portrait of the Greek mathematician Constantin Carathéodory. Inscribed along the inner edge at the left is the wording 'CONSTANTIN CARATHÉODORY 1873-1950', and at right the minting year '2023' and a palmette (mintmark of the Greek Mint); below the portrait runs the inscription 'HELLENIC REPUBLIC'.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

Estimated number of coins to be issued: 750 000

Date of issue: July 2023

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

⁽²⁾ See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).

New national side of euro coins intended for circulation

(2023/C 262/04)



National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by France

Euro coins intended for circulation have legal tender status throughout the euro area. For the purpose of informing the public and all parties who handle the coins, the Commission publishes a description of the designs of all new coins ⁽¹⁾. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 ⁽²⁾, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the European Union providing for the issuing of euro coins are allowed to issue commemorative euro coins intended for circulation, provided that certain conditions are met, particularly that only the 2-euro denomination is used. These coins have the same technical characteristics as other 2-euro coins, but their national face features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

Issuing country: France

Subject of commemoration: Rugby World Cup France 2023

Description of the design: On the occasion of the Rugby World Cup organised in France, Monnaie de Paris celebrates rugby and this competition which will bring together teams from twenty nations.

The design represents a stylized rugby player making a pass. In the background, the rugby field is the globe on which the rugby goalposts are placed. The set is part of an imaginary rugby galaxy where the other planets are oval. The emblem of the competition is inserted next to the player, while the name of the competition surrounds the design. The indication of the issuing country 'RF', the mintmark and the mint master mark are inserted under the image on the right-hand side. The name of the competition, the issuing country 'FRANCE' and the year '2023' are inserted on the left hand side. The name of the competition surrounding the design, as well as and the 'RF' mention appear in the official font of the event, called Mobius.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

Estimated number of coins to be issued: 15 000 000

Date of issue: June 2023

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

⁽²⁾ See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).

New national side of euro coins intended for circulation

(2023/C 262/05)



National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by Greece

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Issuing country: Greece

Subject of commemoration: 100 years from the birth of Maria Callas

Description of the design: The design features a portrait of the legendary Greek soprano Maria Callas. Inscribed along the inner edge is the wording '100 YEARS FROM THE BIRTH OF MARIA CALLAS', and at the right the minting year '2023' and a palmette (mintmark of the Greek Mint); below the portrait runs the inscription 'HELLENIC REPUBLIC'.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

Estimated number of coins to be issued: 750 000

Date of issue: July 2023

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

⁽²⁾ See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).

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(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.11180 – PRADA / ZEGNA / FEDELI)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2023/C 262/06)

1. On 13 July 2023, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Prada S.p.A. ('Prada', Italy), indirectly controlled by Ms Miuccia Bianchi Prada,
- Ermenegildo Zegna N.V. ('Zegna', the Netherlands), controlled by Monterubello s.s. (Italy),
- Luigi Fedeli e Figlio S.r.l. ('Fedeli', Italy), controlled by Mr Luigi Fedeli.

Prada and Zegna will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Fedeli ⁽²⁾.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

- Prada is active in the luxury sector, in the design, production and distribution of high-end leather goods, bags, shoes, fashion accessories and jewels. It also operates licensing agreements in the eyewear and perfume sectors. Prada is also active in the food and beverage sector,
- Zegna is active in the design, creation, and distribution of luxury menswear and accessories under the Zegna brand, as well as womenswear, menswear and accessories under the Thom Browne and Tom Ford brands. Zegna also manufactures and distributes fabrics and textiles,
- Fedeli is an Italian family business founded in 1934 in Monza, active in the high-end textile industry, and specialises in the production of cashmere and jersey fabrics.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

⁽²⁾ Fedeli will be jointly controlled by Prada, Zegna and Mr Fedeli. Mr Fedeli does not control other undertakings, nor carry out further economic activities on his own account, and therefore is not considered to be an undertaking concerned under the Merger Regulation.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ^(?) it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. The following reference should always be specified:

M.11180 – PRADA / ZEGNA / FEDELI

Observations can be sent to the Commission by email or by post. Please use the contact details below:

Email: COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu

Postal address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

^(?) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

OTHER ACTS

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

INFORMATION NOTICE – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Geographical indications from Japan

(2023/C 262/07)

Pursuant to Article 14.30 of the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement, the Japanese authorities have presented a list of additional geographical indications to be protected under the Agreement. The European Commission is currently considering whether these geographical indications shall be protected under the Agreement.

The Commission invites any Member State or third country or any natural or legal person having a legitimate interest, resident or established in a Member State or in a third country, to submit oppositions to such protection by lodging a duly substantiated statement.

Statements of opposition must reach the Commission within two months of the date of this publication. Statements of opposition should be sent to the following e-mail address: AGRI-G3@ec.europa.eu

Statements of opposition shall be examined only if they are received within the time limit set out above and if they show that:

- (a) the protection of the name proposed would conflict with the name of a plant variety or an animal breed and as a result is likely to mislead the consumer as to the true origin of the product;
- (b) the name proposed would be wholly or partially homonymous
 - a. with that of a name already protected in the Union
 - i. under Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs ⁽¹⁾,
 - ii. under Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products ⁽²⁾,
 - iii. under Regulation (EU) 2019/787 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling of spirit drinks, the use of names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs, the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks and the use of ethyl alcohol distillates of agricultural origin in alcoholic beverages ⁽³⁾,
 - b. or with one of the geographical indications from non-EU countries protected in the EU under bilateral agreements available at the following address: <https://www.tmdn.org/giview/>
- (c) in the light of a trademark's reputation and renown and the length of time it has been used, the protection of the name proposed would be liable to mislead the consumer as to the true identity of the product;
- (d) the protection of the name proposed would jeopardise
 - a. the existence of an entirely or partly identical name,
 - b. the existence of a trademark

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 130, 17.5.2019, p. 1.

c. or the existence of products which have been legally on the market for at least five years preceding the date of the publication of this notice

(e) or if they can give details from which it can be concluded that the name for which protection is considered is generic.

The criteria referred to above shall be evaluated in relation to the territory of the Union, which in the case of intellectual property rights refers only to the territory or territories where the said rights are protected. The possible protection of these names in the European Union is subject to the successful conclusion of the discussions led under Article 14.30 of the Agreement and subsequent legal act.

List of Geographical Indications ⁽⁴⁾

No	Protected name in Japan	Transcription into Latin alphabet (for information purposes)	Category of products and short description [in square brackets, for information purposes]
1	はかた地どり / Hakata Jidori	Hakata Jidori	Fresh Meat [chicken, offal meat]
2	阿波尾鶏 / Awaodori	Awaodori	Fresh Meat [chicken, offal meat]
3	十勝ラクレット / Tokachi Raclette	Tokachi Raclette	Processed livestock product [cheese]
4	徳島すだち / Tokushima Sudachi	Tokushima Sudachi	Agricultural product [Sudachi (citrus)]
5	深蒸し菊川茶・菊川深蒸し茶 / Kikugawa deep steamed green tea / Deep steamed Kikugawa tea / Fukamushi Kikugawacha / Kikugawa Fukamushicha	Fukamushi Kikugawacha / Kikugawa Fukamushicha	Processed Products of Agricultural Origin [tea leaves]
6	行方かんしょ / Namegata Kansho / Namegata Sweet Potato	Namegata Kansho	Agricultural product [sweet potato]

⁽⁴⁾ List of GIs registered in Japan provided by the Japanese authorities in the framework of the on-going discussions according to Article 14.30 of the Agreement.

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