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II

(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) No 729/2014**of 24 June 2014****on denominations and technical specifications of euro coins intended for circulation****(Recast)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 128(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Central Bank,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 975/98 of 3 May 1998 on denominations and technical specifications of euro coins intended for circulation ⁽¹⁾ has been substantially amended several times ⁽²⁾. Since further amendments are to be made, it should be recast in the interests of clarity.
- (2) According to Article 128(2) of the Treaty, Member States may issue euro coins subject to approval by the European Central Bank (ECB) of the volume of the issue. The Council, on a proposal from the Commission and after consulting the European Parliament and the ECB, may adopt measures to harmonise the denominations and technical specifications of all coins intended for circulation to the extent necessary to permit their smooth circulation within the Union.
- (3) Euro banknotes range from 5 to 500 euro. The denominations of banknotes and coins need to allow for cash payments of amounts expressed in euro and cent to be facilitated.
- (4) The single coinage system of the Union should encourage public confidence and entail technological innovations which ensure that it is a secure, reliable and efficient system.
- (5) The acceptance of the system by the public is one of the main objectives of the coinage system of the Union. Public confidence in the system depends on the physical characteristics of the euro coins, which should be as user-friendly as possible.
- (6) Consultations with consumer associations, the European Blind Union and representatives of the vending machines industry were carried out to take into account the specific requirements of important categories of coin users. In order to ensure a smooth changeover to the euro and to facilitate acceptance of the coinage system by users, easy distinction between coins through visual and tactile characteristics needed to be guaranteed.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 139, 11.5.1998, p. 6.

⁽²⁾ See Annex II.

- (7) The euro coins are more readily distinguishable and easier to become accustomed to because of the link between their diameter and face value.
- (8) Certain special security features are needed in order to reduce the scope for fraud for the 1 and 2 euro coins given their high value. Coins made in three layers and the combination of two different colours in a coin are considered to be the most efficient security features available.
- (9) European Parliament and Council Directive 94/27/EC ⁽¹⁾ limits the use of nickel in certain products in recognition that nickel could cause allergies under certain conditions. Coins are not covered by that Directive. It seems desirable to reduce the nickel content of coins for reasons of public health.
- (10) Giving the coins one common European and a distinctive national side is an appropriate expression of the idea of the European monetary union between Member States. The common European sides of euro coins bear both the name of the single currency and the denomination of the coin. The national side should neither repeat the name of the single currency nor the denomination of the coin.
- (11) A clear indication of the name of the issuing Member State should be put on the national side of the coin, in order to allow interested coin users to easily identify the issuing Member State.
- (12) The edge lettering of euro coins should be considered part of the national side and should therefore not repeat any indication of the denomination, except for the 2-euro coin, and provided that only the figure '2' or the term 'euro' in the relevant alphabet, or both, are used.
- (13) The designs on the national side of euro coins are decided upon by each Member State whose currency is the euro, and should take into account the fact that euro coins circulate in the whole euro area and not only in the issuing Member State. In order to ensure that coins are immediately recognisable as euro coins also from their national side, the design should be fully surrounded by the 12 stars of the Union flag.
- (14) In order to facilitate the recognition of circulation coins, and to ensure appropriate continuity in the minting, Member States should only be allowed to modify the designs used for the national sides of regular circulation coins once every 15 years, except if the Head of State referred to on a coin changes. This should, however, be without prejudice to changes necessary to prevent counterfeiting of the currency. Changes to the design of the common European side of circulation coins should be decided by the Council and voting rights should be restricted to Member States whose currency is the euro.
- (15) Individual Member States should be allowed to issue commemorative coins to celebrate subjects of major national or European relevance, whereas commemorative coins issued collectively by all Member States whose currency is the euro should be reserved for subjects of the highest European relevance. The 2-euro coin constitutes the most suitable denomination for this purpose, principally on account of the large diameter of the coin and its technical characteristics, which offer adequate protection against counterfeiting.
- (16) Taking into account that euro coins circulate in the whole euro area, to avoid the use of inappropriate designs, issuing Member States should inform each other and the Commission about draft designs for the national side of euro coins in advance of the planned issue date. The Commission should verify the compliance of the designs with the technical requirements of this Regulation. Submission of draft designs to the Commission should be made sufficiently in advance of the planned issue date for issuing Member States to modify the design if necessary.
- (17) Furthermore, uniform conditions for the approval of the designs of the national sides of euro coins should be laid down to avoid the choice of designs which could be considered as inappropriate in some Member States. In view of the fact that the competence for an issue as sensitive as the design of the national sides of the euro coins belongs to the issuing Member States, implementing powers should be conferred on the Council. Any implementing decisions taken on this basis by the Council would be closely connected to the acts adopted by the Council on the basis of Article 128(2) of the Treaty. Therefore, the suspension of the voting rights of the members of the Council representing Member States whose currency is not the euro for the adoption by the Council of those decisions should apply as set out in Article 139(4) of the Treaty. The procedure should allow the issuing Member States to modify the design in due time if so required,

⁽¹⁾ European Parliament and Council Directive 94/27/EC of 30 June 1994 amending for the 12th time Directive 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations (OJ L 188, 22.7.1994, p. 1).

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The series of euro coins shall include eight denominations in the range from 1 cent to 2 euro which shall meet the technical specifications set out in Annex I.

Article 2

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) 'circulation coins' means euro coins intended for circulation, the denominations and technical specifications of which are referred to in Article 1;
- (2) 'regular coins' means circulation coins excluding commemorative coins;
- (3) 'commemorative coins' means circulation coins which are intended to commemorate a specific subject as specified in Article 9.

Article 3

Circulation coins shall have a common European side and a distinctive national side.

Article 4

1. The national side of circulation coins shall not repeat any indication of the denomination, or any parts thereof, of the coin. It shall not repeat the name of the single currency or of its subdivision, unless such indication stems from the use of a different alphabet.
2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the edge lettering of the 2-euro coin may include an indication of the denomination, provided that only the figure '2' or the term 'euro' in the relevant alphabet, or both, are used.

Article 5

The national side of all denominations of circulation coins shall bear an indication of the issuing Member State by means of the Member State's name, or an abbreviation of it.

Article 6

1. The national side of circulation coins shall bear a circle of 12 stars that shall fully surround the national design, including the year mark and the indication of the issuing Member State's name. This shall not prevent some design elements from extending into the circle of stars, provided that the stars are all clearly and fully visible. The 12 stars shall be depicted as on the Union flag.
2. The designs for the national side of circulation coins shall be chosen taking into account that euro coins circulate in all Member States whose currency is the euro.

Article 7

1. Changes to the designs used for the national sides of regular coins may only be made once every 15 years, without prejudice to changes necessary to prevent counterfeiting of the currency.
2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1, changes to the designs used for the national sides of regular coins may be made where the Head of State referred to on a coin changes. However, a temporary vacancy or the provisional occupation of the function of the Head of State shall not give any additional right to such a change.

Article 8

Issuing Member States shall update their national sides of regular coins in order to fully comply with this Regulation by 20 June 2062.

Article 9

1. Commemorative coins shall bear a different national design from that of the regular coins and shall only commemorate subjects of major national or European relevance. Commemorative coins issued collectively by all Member States whose currency is the euro shall only commemorate subjects of the highest European relevance and their design shall be without prejudice to the possible constitutional requirements of those Member States.
2. The edge lettering on commemorative coins shall be the same as on regular coins.
3. Commemorative coins may only have a face value of 2 euro.

Article 10

1. Member States shall inform each other of the draft designs of new national sides of circulation coins, including the edge lettering, and, for commemorative coins, of the estimated volume of issuance, before the formal approval of those designs.
2. The power to approve designs for new or modified national sides of circulation coins shall be conferred on the Council acting by qualified majority in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraphs 3 to 7.

When taking the decisions referred to in this Article, the voting rights of the Member States whose currency is not the euro shall be suspended.

3. For the purpose of paragraph 1, draft designs of circulation coins shall be submitted by the issuing Member State to the Council, to the Commission and to the other Member States whose currency is the euro, in principle at least three months before the planned issue date.
4. Within seven days following the submission referred to in paragraph 3, any Member State whose currency is the euro may, in a reasoned opinion addressed to the Council and to the Commission, raise an objection to the draft design proposed by the issuing Member State if that draft design is likely to create adverse reactions among its citizens.
5. Where the Commission considers that the draft design does not respect the technical requirements set out by this Regulation, it shall, within seven days following the submission referred to in paragraph 3, submit a negative assessment to the Council.
6. If no reasoned opinion or negative assessment has been submitted to the Council within the time limit referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 respectively, the decision approving the design shall be deemed to be adopted by the Council on the day following the expiry of the time limit referred to in paragraph 5.
7. In all other cases, the Council shall decide without delay on the approval of the draft design, unless, within seven days following the submission of a reasoned opinion or of a negative assessment, the issuing Member State withdraws its submission and informs the Council of its intention to submit a new draft design.
8. All relevant information on new national circulation coin designs shall be published by the Commission in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Article 11

Articles 4, 5 and 6 and Article 9(2):

- (a) shall not apply to circulation coins which have been issued or produced prior to 19 June 2012;
- (b) shall, during a transitional period ending on 20 June 2062, not apply to the designs that were already legally in use on circulation coins on 19 June 2012.

Circulation coins that have been issued or produced during the transitional period may remain legal tender without limit in time.

Article 12

Regulation (EC) No 975/98 is repealed.

References to the repealed Regulation shall be construed as references to this Regulation and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table in Annex III.

Article 13

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in the Member States, in accordance with the Treaties.

Done at Luxembourg, 24 June 2014.

For the Council

The President

E. VENIZELOS

ANNEX I

Technical specifications referred to in Article 1

Face value (euro)	Diameter in mm	Thickness in mm	Weight in gr	Shape	Colour	Composition	Edge
2	25,75	2,20	8,5	Round	External part: white Internal part: yellow	Copper-nickel (Cu75Ni25) Three-layers: nickel-brass/nickel/nickel-brass CuZn20Ni5/Ni12/CuZn20Ni5	Edgelettering Fine milled
1	23,25	2,33	7,5	Round	External part: yellow Internal part: white	Nickel-brass (CuZn20Ni5) Three-layers: Cu75Ni25/Ni7/Cu75Ni25	Interrupted milled
0,50	24,25	2,38	7,8	Round	Yellow	Nordic Gold Cu89Al5Zn5Sn1	shaped edge with fine scallops
0,20	22,25	2,14	5,7	'Spanish flower' shape	Yellow	Nordic Gold Cu89Al5Zn5Sn1	Plain
0,10	19,75	1,93	4,1	Round	Yellow	Nordic Gold Cu89Al5Zn5Sn1	shaped edge with fine scallops
0,05	21,25	1,67	3,9	Round	Red	Copper-covered steel	Smooth
0,02	18,75	1,67	3	Round	Red	Copper-covered steel	Smooth with a groove
0,01	16,25	1,67	2,3	Round	Red	Copper-covered steel	Smooth

ANNEX II

Repealed Regulation with the list of its successive amendments

Council Regulation (EC) No 975/98	(OJ L 139, 11.5.1998, p. 6).
Council Regulation (EC) No 423/1999	(OJ L 52, 27.2.1999, p. 2).
Council Regulation (EU) No 566/2012	(OJ L 169, 29.6.2012, p. 8).

ANNEX III

Correlation table

Regulation (EC) No 975/98	This Regulation
Article 1, introductory wording	Article 1
Article 1a	Article 2
Article 1b	Article 3
Article 1c	Article 4
Article 1d	Article 5
Article 1e	Article 6
Article 1f	Article 7
Article 1g	Article 8
Article 1h	Article 9
Article 1i	Article 10
Article 1j, introductory wording, point (a) and first sentence of point (b)	Article 11, first paragraph
Article 1j, second sentence of point (b)	Article 11, second paragraph
—	Article 12
Article 2	Article 13
Article 1, table	Annex I
—	Annex II
—	Annex III

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 730/2014**of 1 July 2014****establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 of 7 June 2011 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 in respect of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 136(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commission fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in Annex XVI, Part A thereto.
- (2) The standard import value is calculated each working day, in accordance with Article 136(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011, taking into account variable daily data. Therefore this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 136 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 are fixed in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 1 July 2014.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,*

Jerzy PLEWA
Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 157, 15.6.2011, p. 1.

ANNEX

Standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	MK	66,3
	TR	88,4
	XS	59,1
	ZZ	71,3
0707 00 05	MK	32,3
	TR	78,2
	ZZ	55,3
0709 93 10	TR	109,2
	ZZ	109,2
0805 50 10	AR	109,4
	BO	136,6
	TR	107,6
	UY	127,1
	ZA	119,1
	ZZ	120,0
	AR	115,4
0808 10 80	BR	78,2
	CL	103,5
	NZ	130,2
	US	144,9
	ZA	132,3
	ZZ	117,4
	TR	215,6
0809 10 00	ZZ	215,6
	TR	307,8
0809 29 00	ZZ	307,8
	TR	149,8
0809 30	XS	54,4
	ZZ	102,1

⁽¹⁾ Nomenclature of countries laid down by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1833/2006 (OJ L 354, 14.12.2006, p. 19). Code 'ZZ' stands for 'of other origin'.

DIRECTIVES

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2014/85/EU

of 1 July 2014

amending Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on driving licences

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on driving licences ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Significant improvements have been brought to tunnel safety within the Union, including by virtue of Directive 2004/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾. In order to fully ensure the effectiveness of these improvements, it is necessary to ensure that drivers know and understand the principles of safe driving in tunnels and can apply them in their behaviour in traffic. The theoretical and practical test requirements in Council Directive 91/439/EEC ⁽³⁾ were therefore amended accordingly by Commission Directive 2008/65/EC ⁽⁴⁾ and so should those in the recast Directive 2006/126/EC.
- (2) Since the adoption of Directive 2006/126/EC, scientific knowledge on medical conditions which affect fitness to drive has progressed, particularly as regards the estimation of both the associated risks for road safety and the effectiveness of treatment in averting the said risks. Numerous studies and researches have recently become available which confirm that the obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome is one of the highest risk factors for motor vehicle accidents. Therefore this condition should no longer be ignored in the context of the Union driving licence legislation.
- (3) Directive 2006/126/EC should therefore be amended in order to adapt Annex III to scientific and technical progress.
- (4) Editorial errors have been detected in Annex II to Directive 2006/126/EC following its amendment by Commission Directive 2012/36/EU ⁽⁵⁾. Those should be corrected.
- (5) In accordance with the Joint Political Declaration of Member States and the Commission of 28 September 2011 on explanatory documents ⁽⁶⁾, Member States have undertaken to accompany, in justified cases, the notification of their transposition measures with one or more documents explaining the relationship between the components of a directive and the corresponding parts of national transposition instruments.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on driving licences,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Annexes II and III to Directive 2006/126/EC are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Directive.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 403, 30.12.2006, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ Directive 2004/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on minimum safety requirements for tunnels in the trans-European road network (OJ L 167, 30.4.2004, p. 39).

⁽³⁾ Council Directive 91/439/EEC of 29 July 1991 on driving licences (OJ L 237, 24.8.1991, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Directive 2008/65/EC of 27 June 2008 amending Directive 91/439/EEC on driving licences (OJ L 168, 28.6.2008, p. 36).

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Directive 2012/36/EU of 19 November 2012 amending Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on driving licences (OJ L 321, 20.11.2012, p. 54).

⁽⁶⁾ OJ C 369, 17.12.2011, p. 14.

Article 2

1. Member States shall adopt and publish, by 31 December 2015 at the latest, the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions.

They shall apply those provisions from 31 December 2015.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 1 July 2014.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Siim KALLAS
The Vice-President*

ANNEX

1. Annex II to Directive 2006/126/EC is amended as follows:

(a) point 2.1.3 is replaced by the following:

‘2.1.3. The road:

- the most important principles concerning the observance of a safe distance between vehicles, braking distances and road holding under various weather and road conditions,
- driving risk factors related to various road conditions, in particular as they change with the weather and the time of day or night,
- characteristics of various types of road and the related statutory requirements,
- safe driving in road tunnels;’;

(b) point 5.1.3 is replaced by the following:

‘5.1.3. Specific provisions concerning vehicles of category C, CE, D and DE

Member States may decide that no restriction to vehicles with automatic transmission shall be recorded on the driving licence for a category C, CE, D or DE vehicle referred to in point 5.1.2, when the applicant already holds a driving licence obtained on a vehicle with manual transmission in at least one of the following categories: B, BE, C, CE, C1, C1E, D, DE, D1 or D1E, and has performed the actions described in point 8.4 during the test of skills and behaviour;’;

(c) point 6.3.8 is replaced by the following:

‘6.3.8. Special road features (if available): roundabouts; railway level crossings; tram/bus stops; pedestrian crossings; riding up-/downhill on long slopes; tunnels;’;

(d) point 7.4.8 is replaced by the following:

‘7.4.8. Special road features (if available): roundabouts; railway level crossings; tram/bus stops; pedestrian crossings; riding up-/downhill on long slopes; tunnels;’;

(e) point 8.3.8 is replaced by the following:

‘8.3.8. Special road features (if available): roundabouts; railway level crossings; tram/bus stops; pedestrian crossings; riding up-/downhill on long slopes; tunnels;’.

2. In Annex III to Directive 2006/126/EC, section 11 (‘NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES’) is replaced by the following:

‘NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES AND OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNOEA SYNDROME

NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES

11.1. Driving licences shall not be issued to, or renewed for, applicants or drivers suffering from a serious neurological disease, unless the application is supported by authorised medical opinion.

Neurological disturbances associated with diseases or surgical intervention affecting the central or peripheral nervous system, which lead to sensory or motor deficiencies and affect balance and coordination, must accordingly be taken into account in relation to their functional effects and the risks of progression. In such cases, the issue or renewal of the licence may be subject to periodic assessment in the event of risk of deterioration.

OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNOEA SYNDROME

11.2. In the following paragraphs, a moderate obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome corresponds to a number of apnoeas and hypopnoeas per hour (Apnoea-Hypopnoea Index) between 15 and 29 and a severe obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome corresponds to an Apnoea-Hypopnoea Index of 30 or more, both associated with excessive daytime sleepiness.

11.3. Applicants or drivers in whom a moderate or severe obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome is suspected shall be referred for further authorised medical advice before a driving licence is issued or renewed. They may be advised not to drive until confirmation of the diagnosis.

- 11.4. Driving licences may be issued to applicants or drivers with moderate or severe obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome who show adequate control of their condition and compliance with appropriate treatment and improvement of sleepiness, if any, confirmed by authorised medical opinion.
 - 11.5. Applicants or drivers with moderate or severe obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome under treatment shall be subject to a periodic medical review, at intervals not exceeding three years for drivers of group 1 and one year for drivers of group 2, with a view to establish the level of compliance with the treatment, the need for continuing the treatment and continued good vigilance.’.
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