



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

2009 - 2014

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

2009/0128(COD)

11.5.2010

AMENDMENTS

41 - 51

Draft report
Slavi Binev
(PE 439.411)

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
concerning authentication of euro coins and handling of euro coins unfit for
circulation

Proposal for a regulation
(COM(2009)0459 – C7-0207/2009 – 2009/0128(COD))

AM_Com_LegReport

Amendment 41
Sophie Auconie

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) Each institution performing authentication of euro coins may apply a handling fee in accordance with this Regulation in order to cover the institution's expenses related to the process. The handling fee must not be a burden on private individuals.

Or. fr

Justification

Institutions must not make private individuals bear the burden of handling fees.

Amendment 42
Slavi Binev

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6c) Each designated authority handling euro coins unfit for circulation may apply a handling fee in accordance with this Regulation in order to cover the expenses related to the process.

Or. en

Justification

The authentication process will incur expenses to the institutions involved.

Amendment 43
Burkhard Balz

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The institutions shall ensure that euro coins, which they have received and which they intend to put back into circulation, are submitted to authentication. They shall implement this obligation

Amendment

1. The institutions shall ensure that euro coins ***with a nominal value of 2 euros, 1 euro and 50 cents***, which they have received and which they intend to put back into circulation, are submitted to authentication. They shall implement this obligation

Or. de

Justification

Coins with a nominal value of 20 cents or less represent a very low risk, given their low value in terms of the value of the metal and the cost of forging them. Testing the authenticity of all coins would therefore be disproportionate. More flexibility should be allowed in deciding on methods of testing authenticity in order to avoid further disproportionate obligations.

Amendment 44
Burkhard Balz

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) ***mainly*** by means of coin processing machines included in the list of coin-processing machines, referred to in Article 5(3); or

Amendment

(a) by means of coin processing machines included in the list of coin-processing machines, referred to in Article 5(3); or

Or. de

Justification

Coins with a nominal value of 20 cents or less represent a very low risk, given their low value in terms of the value of the metal and the cost of forging them. Testing the authenticity of all coins would therefore be disproportionate. More flexibility should be allowed in deciding on methods of testing authenticity in order to avoid further disproportionate obligations.

Amendment 45
Burkhard Balz

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) by *trained personnel*.

Amendment

(b) by ***personnel trained in accordance with the arrangements laid down in the Member States.***

Or. de

Justification

Coins with a nominal value of 20 cents or less represent a very low risk, given their low value in terms of the value of the metal and the cost of forging them. Testing the authenticity of all coins would therefore be disproportionate. More flexibility should be allowed in deciding on methods of testing authenticity in order to avoid further disproportionate obligations.

Amendment 46
Sophie Auconie

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) The Commission shall publish guidelines within a reasonable time of this Regulation coming into force in order to ensure the technical applicability of the provisions of paragraph 1.

Or. fr

Amendment 47
Ivari Padar

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) If during the maintenance process of the coin processing machine it is discovered that the coin processing machine is defective, the further handling of that machine, whether repair or destruction, shall take place in accordance with rules set out by the competent authorities.

Or. en

Justification

As there are no rules on what to do with the machines after they are no longer needed or once determined defect and as it is crucial to avoid the machines being re-used for forgeries, this amendment aims simply to ensure a proper handling of the defect machines.

Amendment 48
Ivari Padar

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Member States shall perform annually on-the-spot controls in the institutions with a view to verifying the proper functioning of a representative number of coin-processing machines through detection tests. Where ***appropriate, Member States shall obtain assurance that the*** staff expected to check the authenticity of euro coins ***is*** duly trained ***in manual authentication.***

2. Member States shall perform annually on-the-spot controls in the institutions with a view to verifying the proper functioning of a representative number of coin-processing machines used through detection tests. Where staff ***of the institutions controlled is*** expected to check ***manually*** the authenticity of euro coins ***put back into circulation, Member States shall obtain assurance from those institutions that their staff is*** duly trained ***for that purpose. Member States shall adopt training guidelines so as to ensure***

common standards.

Or. en

Amendment 49
Slavi Binev

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) If an individual submission includes coins which may be deemed to harbour a health risk for handlers, the charges levied in accordance with paragraph 1 shall be supplemented by a further fee equivalent to 20 % of the nominal value of the submitted euro coins.

Or. en

Justification

The amendment deals with submissions implying a health risk.

Amendment 50
Sophie Auconie

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) If an individual submission contains coins which have been damaged by hazardous substances to such an extent that they may be considered dangerous to those required to handle them, the fee withheld in accordance with paragraph 1 shall be supplemented by an additional fee equivalent to 20% of the nominal value of the euro coins submitted.

Justification

The term ‘contaminated’ used by the rapporteur is inappropriate, since it might give the impression that coins could constitute a source of infection. The use of more neutral terms, which will better correspond to cases covered by the Regulation, is also suggested.

Amendment 51

Ivari Padar

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 12a

Review

By 31 December 2015, the Commission shall review the implementation of this Regulation and shall, where appropriate, come forward with a proposal for a revised definition of ‘euro coins unfit for circulation’, taking due account of factors such as electrical and/or magnetic characteristics, size and visual features.