

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0665/04
by Gerhard Schmid (PSE)
to the Commission

Subject: Safety standards for image editing of scanned banknotes

The latest versions of Adobe Photoshop CS and Paint Shop Pro do not allow images of banknotes to be imported or edited. The mechanism involved, which has been developed by the Central Bank Counterfeit Deterrence Group (CBCDG), a consortium of central banks from around the world, is a major step forward in preventing the counterfeiting of banknotes.

1. Is the Commission aware of this mechanism?
2. Is the Commission planning to introduce this mechanism as a mandatory safety standard?