

Pursuant to Article 40, paragraph (3) of the Foreign Exchange Act (Official Gazette 96/2003, 140/2005, 132/2006, 150/2008, 92/2009 and 153/2009) and Article 28 and Article 42, paragraph (3), item (12) of the Act on the Croatian National Bank (Official Gazette 75/2008), the Council of the Croatian National Bank, at its session on 10 March 2010, adopted the following

**Decision on amendments to the Decision on procedures for handling foreign cash  
suspected of being counterfeit**

**Article 1**

In the Decision on procedures for handling foreign cash suspected of being counterfeit (Official Gazette 21/2007), in Article 2, items (b) and (d) are amended to read:

"b) "obligated entity" shall imply a credit institution, other legal persons authorised to provide cash payment services in accordance with the special law governing the payment system, authorised currency exchange offices and other residents engaged in a business activity of sorting foreign cash and its distribution among the public, including transporters of foreign cash and other economic agents such as traders and casinos engaged on a secondary basis in the processing and distribution to the public of cash via automated teller machines (cash dispensers), within the limit of these secondary activities

d) "NCC" shall imply the National Counterfeit Centre in the Croatian National Bank, "NAC" shall imply the National Analysis Centre in the Croatian National Bank, and "CNAC" shall imply the Coin National Analysis Centre in the Croatian National Bank."

**Article 2**

Article 3 is amended to read:

"(1) The obligated entity shall check the authenticity of received foreign cash before it puts it back into circulation. The check of foreign cash authenticity shall be carried out in line with procedures defined in the special decision of the Croatian National Bank for kuna banknotes and kuna and lipa coins.

(2) The obligated entity shall without delay withdraw from circulation all received foreign banknotes and coins which it knows or has sufficient reason to believe to be counterfeit and shall immediately invite the police to take them over or shall forward them to the NCC.

(3) The obligated entity shall issue a receipt for detention of foreign cash referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article to the customer and shall attempt to detain the customer until the arrival of the police, to whom the foreign cash shall be handed over.

(4) The police or the obligated entity shall forward to the NCC the detained foreign cash referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article together with the completed Authentication Request form which is displayed at the Croatian National Bank website.

(5) Where the authentication procedure establishes that foreign cash referred to in paragraph (4) of this Article has not been counterfeited, the police or the obligated entity shall immediately upon the receipt of the Authentication Report and the return of foreign cash by the NCC notify the customer thereof and shall invite him/her to take over the retained foreign cash."

### **Article 3**

The title of Chapter IV before Article 4 is amended to read:

"IV Procedures to be followed by the NCC, the NAC and the CNAC"

Article 4 is amended to read:

"(1) The NCC shall receive from the police or the obligated entity the singled-out foreign cash and submit foreign banknotes and coins for authentication to the NAC and the CNAC respectively.

(2) The NCC shall deliver to the submitter referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article the Authentication Report together with the authentication results immediately upon completion of the authentication procedure.

(3) The counterfeit banknotes and coins shall be stored at the NAC and the CNAC respectively. The NCC shall, upon a written request, forward the stored counterfeits to the judicial and law enforcement authorities.

(4) For the purpose of the verification of the authentication results, the NCC may, where appropriate, forward the received and singled-out foreign banknotes and coins to the competent foreign institution.

(5) For the purpose of the classification and verification, the NCC may temporarily forward the samples of the counterfeit foreign banknotes and coins to the competent foreign institution.

(6) Within the framework of the National Programme of Training Courses on Banknote and Coin Authentication for Bank and Financial Institution Employees, the NCC shall

organise and provide to the obligated entities the training courses on foreign cash authentication.

(7) For the purpose of the adjustment of the equipment which the obligated entity uses for checking the authenticity of foreign banknotes and coins, the NCC may, upon a written request by the obligated entity, temporarily hand over the counterfeit foreign banknotes and coins."

#### **Article 4**

Article 6 is amended to read:

"The NCC shall make available to the authorised representatives of the obligated entities and the authorised representatives of the police all information on the occurrence and characteristics of counterfeit foreign cash."

#### **Article 5**

This Decision shall enter into force on the eighth day after the day of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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