

# Protection against counterfeiting: medals and tokens similar to euro coins, extension to the non-participating Member States

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**PURPOSE:** to amend Regulation (EC) No 2183/2004 extending to the non-participating Member States the application of Regulation (EC) No 2182/2004.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Regulation (EC) No 47/2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 2183/2004 extending to the non-participating Member States the application of Regulation (EC) No 2182/2004 concerning medals and tokens similar to euro coins.

**CONTENT:** Council [Regulation \(EC\) No 2182/2004](#) aims to protect euro coins by stipulating that in the euro area Member States medals and tokens having visual characteristics, size or metal properties which are similar to euro coins should not be sold, produced, imported or distributed for the purpose of sale or for other commercial purposes. Council [Regulation \(EC\) No 2183/2004](#) extends the application of Regulation 2182/2004 to the Member States that have not (yet) introduced the euro.

Regulation (EC) No 2182/2004 has been amended by Council [Regulation \(EC\) No 46/2009](#). It is important that the rules concerning medals and tokens similar to euro coins should be uniform throughout the Community, and the requisite provisions should be adopted to that end.

The application of Regulation (EC) No 2182/2004 as amended by Regulation (EC) No 46/2009 shall be extended to Member States other than the participating Member States.

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