

Euro: denominations and technical specifications of euro coins

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OBJECTIVE: to lay down uniform specifications for the first series of euro coins to ensure their smooth circulation within the Community. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Regulation (EC) No 975/98 on denominations and technical specifications of euro coins intended for circulation. **SUBSTANCE:** the Regulation lays down the technical specifications (diameter, thickness, weight, shape, colour, composition and edge) of the first series of euro coins, comprising eight face values, from one cent to two euro. The specifications have been designed to induce public confidence, to ensure that the coins are easy to use and identify thanks to their visual and tactile characteristics and that they suit the main user groups, and to reduce the scope for fraud to a minimum. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 01/01/1999.