



Basic information	
1998/0270(SYN) SYN - Cooperation procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
Denominations and technical specifications of euro coins intended for circulation	
Amending Regulation (EC) No 975/98 1997/0154(SYN) Repealed by 2013/0096(NLE)	
Subject 5.20.02 Single currency, euro, euro area	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	ECON	Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	SOLTWEDEL-SCHÄFER Irene Barbara Lilia (V)	14/09/1998
	Former committee responsible		Former rapporteur	Appointed
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	Former committee for opinion		Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ENVI	Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings
General Affairs		2161	1999-02-22	
Environment		2153	1998-12-20	
Health		2319	2000-12-14	



Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
29/07/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0492 	Summary
28/10/1998	Vote in committee		Summary

28/10/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0401/1998	
04/11/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
17/11/1998	Debate in Parliament		
21/12/1998	Council position published	13849/1/1998	Summary
14/01/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
26/01/1999	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary
26/01/1999	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A4-0044/1999	
22/02/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/02/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
27/02/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		
14/12/2000	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		Summary

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/0270(SYN)
Procedure type	SYN - Cooperation procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 975/98 1997/0154(SYN) Repealed by 2013/0096(NLE)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 105A-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ECON/4/10667

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0401/1998 OJ C 379 07.12.1998, p. 0005	28/10/1998	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0664/1998 OJ C 379 07.12.1998, p. 0059-0086	18/11/1998	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A4-0044/1999 OJ C 150 28.05.1999, p. 0006	26/01/1999	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T4-0070/1999 OJ C 150 28.05.1999, p. 0016-0041	09/02/1999	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type		Reference	Date	Summary
Council position		13849/1/1998 OJ C 055 25.02.1999, p. 0035	21/12/1998	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1998)0492  OJ C 296 24.09.1998, p. 0010	29/07/1998	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1999)0030 	11/01/1999	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

[Regulation 1999/0423](#)
[OJ L 052 27.02.1999, p. 0002](#)

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Denominations and technical specifications of euro coins intended for circulation

1998/0270(SYN) - 18/11/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mrs Irene SOLTWEDEL-SCHÄFER (Greens, D) Parliament approved the Commission proposal amending the technical specifications of euro coins. The three amendments proposed (increase in the weight of the 50 cent coin, modifying the definition of the edge of the 50 and 10 cent coins) deal with the objections raised by the European Vending Association and the European Blind Union. Parliament, in retabling an amendment which it had already tabled at the second reading of the initial proposal on euro coins, called for the striking of a new symbolic coin in gold with a nominal value of 100 euro, in addition to the eight normal coins.

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1998/0270(SYN) - 29/07/1998 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to amend Regulation 975/98/EC to the extent necessary to give satisfaction to the abovementioned specific requirements recently expressed by the vending industry and the European Blind Union. SUBSTANCE: The proposal for a regulation is exclusively aimed at amending the weight of the 50 cent coin and the definition of the edge of the 50 cent and 10 cent coins. The other features of Regulation 975/98/EC remain unchanged and are outside the scope of this proposal.

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1998/0270(SYN) - 22/02/1999 - Final act

PURPOSE: to amend regulation 975/98/EC in response to the requests of the vending industry and the European Blind Union. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation 423/1999/EC amending regulation 975/98/EC on denominations and technical specifications of euro coins intended for circulation. CONTENT: the regulation increases the weight of the 50 cent coin from 7 to 7.8 grammes and redefines the edge of the 50 and 10 cent coins from being "coarse milled" to being "shaped with fine scallops". ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01/01/1999.

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1998/0270(SYN) - 09/02/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

At its second reading under cooperation procedure without debate, the European Parliament approved the decision on the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting the Council Regulation (EC) amending Council Regulation 975/98/EC on denominations and technical specifications of euro coins intended for circulation. The rapporteur was Irene Barbara Lilia Soltwedel-Schäfer (V,DE).

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1998/0270(SYN) - 14/12/2000

On 5 June 2000, the Council adopted conclusions on the release of euro coins samples to relevant industries. Further to those conclusions, the Economic and Financial Committee considered it appropriate to complete them on several points. Furthermore, the Committee suggested that at the same occasion the Council adopt conclusions concerning modalities for the timely unveiling to the general public of the final visual appearance features of euro bank notes and coins. Accordingly the Council adopted the following conclusions: 1) Loans of euro coins and euro tokens to relevant industries: additional measures are necessary for the timely adjustment of coin operated machines to the euro coins. Furthermore, the conditions for the release of the confidential information and for the loans of euro coins and euro tokens will be the same as those which are currently applicable to manufacturers of validators. In early 2001 these conditions will be reviewed both for manufacturers and operators, with a view to adapting them as from spring 2001. With the start of the frontloading period later in 2001, consideration will be given to align these conditions with those applicable to frontloading. 2) Unveiling the visual appearance features of the euro bank notes and coins to the public: it is important that the public be familiarised with the detailed characteristics of the euro bank notes and coins. The final visual appearance of the euro bank notes and coins should be unveiled to the general public in time before their circulation on 1 January 2002. The appropriate time to start unveiling these characteristics is September 2001. This should best be done in the framework of the information campaigns, common for the euro bank notes and coins, conducted by the European Central Bank and the national central banks of the Eurosystem, by the European Commission and by the government authorities in each of the euro area Member States. In addition, with regard to the single facility providing medium-term financial assistance for Member States' balances of payments, the Council's conclusions are as follows: - with the start of the third stage of economic and monetary union, this facility only applies to member States which have not adopted the euro, in accordance with the Treaty provisions; - considers that this facility continues to meet, in its principle and arrangements, the need which led to its creation, in particular in the light of future accessions; agrees that loans granted under this facility should be financed exclusively by the capital market; - agrees that the ceiling of the facility should be reduced from EUR 16 billion to EUR 12 billion; - invites the Commission to present in due course a proposal amending Regulation 1969/88/EEC in this respect.

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1998/0270(SYN) - 11/01/1999 - Commission communication on Council's position

The Commission fully approves of the Council Common Position as it entirely reflects the Commission's initial proposal. The Council did not include the single amendment approved by the European Parliament at first reading. This amendment had also been rejected by the Commission.

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1998/0270(SYN) - 21/12/1998 - Council position

The Council Common Position is identical to the Commission proposal. The only amendment voted by the European Parliament at first reading suggests the introduction of a gold coin intended for circulation with a face value of 100 euro. The Council did not include this amendment in its Common Position on grounds relating to the very likely discrepancy between market value and nominal value, to the risk of speculative hoarding and the already planned issue of a 100 euro banknote.