

**MNB Decree No. 36/2014 (IX. 25.)  
of the Governor of Magyar Nemzeti Bank  
on the reproductions of forint and euro coins and amending MNB Decree No. 2/2010 (I. 28.) of the Governor of  
Magyar Nemzeti Bank on the reproductions of forint and euro banknotes**

Having regard to the authorisation by Article 171 (1) g) and h) of Act CXXXIX of 2013 on Magyar Nemzeti Bank, and concerning Article 7 (4) below, having regard to the authorisation by Article 173 b) of Act CXXXIX of 2013 on Magyar Nemzeti Bank, and acting within my scope of duty laid down in Article 4 (2) of Act CXXXIX of 2013 on Magyar Nemzeti Bank, I hereby decree the following:

**1. Scope**

**Article 1**

This Decree shall apply to:

- a) reproductions of forint circulation coins and commemorative coins in circulation, issued or put into circulation or withdrawn from circulation by the Magyar Nemzeti Bank (hereinafter: 'MNB') but convertible to legal tender (hereinafter collectively: 'forint coins'), and
- b) in respect of Article 10 — in matters not provided for in Council Regulation 2182/2004/EC of 6 December 2004 concerning medals and tokens similar to euro coins, as amended by Council Regulation 46/2009/EC, and with the exception of rules pertaining to sanctions — the reproductions of euro coins.

**2. Definitions**

**Article 2**

For the purposes of this Decree the following definitions shall be applied:

1. *commemorative coin theme*: the historical, political or social event, personality, location, artwork, etc. in commemoration of which the commemorative coin was issued or the collector series providing the framework for these subject-matters;
2. *medal*: (mostly) round metal statuette not regarded as legal tender issued in honour of a historical, political or social event or personality created by casting or stamping, that is, coining;
3. *forint commemorative coin*: forint coin issued or put into circulation by the MNB, not primarily intended for use as means of cash payment but to convey historical and cultural value, draw public attention to these values, disseminate knowledge and last but not least, to commemorate and honour the personality, event or anniversary of note represented on the coin;
4. *reproductions of forint coins*: means any effective (tangible) or virtual (intangible) images that use all or any part of a forint coin or individual graphic elements thereof, or of a commemorative coin theme created by any kind of production process, which may be suitable to give the impression of a forint coin, regardless of the dimensions, material or colour of the image or whether it depicts the image identical with that of a genuine forint coin, a modified image or whether it includes elements not featured in the genuine forint coin;
5. *individual graphic elements of the forint coin*: the following elements defined in the legal act on the issue of a specific forint coin:
  - a) denomination,
  - b) name of the currency ('forint'),
  - c) official name of Hungary at the time of the issuance of the forint coin,
  - d) year of coinage,
  - e) the 'BP.' mint mark,
  - f) the image on the front and reverse side;
6. *forint circulation coin*: forint coin issued by the MNB for use as a means of cash payment;
7. *technical parameters*: the following specifications defined in the legal act on the issue of a specific forint coin:
  - a) diameter,
  - b) weight,
  - c) edge height and design,
  - d) composition;

8. *precious metal*: an alloy containing gold, silver or platinum, of a millesimal (‰) fineness of at least 375‰ for gold, at least 500‰ for silver and at least 850‰ for platinum;

9. *commercial communication*: the definition set out in the act on the prohibition of unfair commercial practices against consumers.

### **3. Prohibitive provisions**

#### **Article 3**

(1) It is prohibited to produce or to commission the reproduction of (hereinafter collectively: 'produce' and 'production') forint coins in a manner that the resulting product can be mistaken for any forint coin or is similar in appearance.

2. With exception of the provisions of Article 6(1) and (2), it is prohibited to produce any metallic object qualifying as a reproduction of a forint coin — including in particular medals, tokens, metal discs, toy and prop coins but excluding the semi-products used in coinage —:

- a) which includes both a denomination and the name of the currency ('forint'),
- b) contains the official name of Hungary at the time of issuance of the forint coin,
- c) its size is within the reference band specified in point 1 of Annex 1,
- d) represents motifs or graphic elements partially or fully similar to the image on the front and reverse side of the forint coin; or
- e) has a theme similar to a theme used on any forint commemorative coin.

(3) The prohibition set out in paragraph (2) e) shall remain valid for one year following the issuance of the forint commemorative coin.

#### **Article 4**

Using the expressions 'coin' or 'commemorative coin' for reproductions of forint coins or in any form in relation to reproductions of forint coins is prohibited, in particular on packaging or in commercial communication.

#### **Article 5**

Modification of the individual graphic elements of forint coins using any procedure (such as painting, engraving, gilding, silver plating) for commercial purposes is prohibited.

### **4. Reproductions of forint coins not subject to authorisation**

#### **Article 6**

(1) Metallic reproductions of forint circulation coins may be produced without the authorisation of the MNB if:

- a) such reproduction contains either the denomination without the name of the currency ('forint') or the name of the currency ('forint') without a denomination, and
- b) its size is outside the reference band specified in point 1 of Annex 1, or
- c) its size is within the reference band specified in point 1 of Annex 1, provided that,
  - ca) its composition differs from that specified in point 2 of Annex 1 for the permissible diameter range, and
  - cb) the combinations of its diameter and edge height are consistently outside the ranges specified in point 3 of Annex 1.

(2) Metallic reproductions of forint circulation coins showing the name of the currency ('forint') and an associated denomination may be produced without the authorisation of the MNB if:

- a) such reproduction is pierced in the centre with a hole of over 6 millimetres,
- b) its shape is polygonal but not exceeding six edges, or
- c) it is the reproduction of a forint circulation coin, made of precious metal material by observing the relevant provisions on hallmarking.

(3) Non-metallic reproductions of forint coins may be produced without the authorisation of the MNB if they are clearly different and distinguishable from any forint coins, or not similar in appearance.

4. Reproductions of forint coins may be produced without the authorisation of the MNB as illustrations made of paper or other non-metallic substances, as well as reproductions of forint coins available via an electronic device, on an Internet website, or through a fixed-line or wireless device.

## **5. Reproductions of forint coins requiring authorisation**

### **Article 7**

(1) The following can be made of metal subject to the MNB's authorisation issued in the scope of its powers granted under Article 45 d) of Act CXXXIX of 2013 on the Magyar Nemzeti Bank

a) reproductions of forint commemorative coins,

b) reproductions of forint circulation coins if that differs from any of the requirements defined in Article 6(1) and (2) or any doubt arises regarding compliance with these requirements.

(2) Application for authorisation shall be submitted by the person ordering or — if the reproduction is used by its producer — producing the reproduction of the forint coin (hereinafter collectively: 'the user'), using the form specified in Annex 2.

(3) The graphic design or image of the intended forint coin reproduction shall be attached by the user to the application.

(4) The authorisation procedure of the reproductions of forint coins is free of charge.

### **Article 8**

(1) A specimen or the electronic representation of the reproduction of a forint coin as authorised by the MNB shall be presented by its user to the MNB eight business days prior to the start of its intended use.

(2) If pursuant to the authorisation issued by the MNB the reproduction of a forint coin is allowed to differ from the requirements laid down in Article 6 (1) and (2), during the production and use of the forint coin reproduction its user shall ensure that the reproduction of a forint coin is stored at a safe place, that it is safeguarded and that appropriate records — tracking the verification of the exact quantities of the reproductions of forint coins produced, utilised, unutilised and destroyed, including faulty products — are kept. Furthermore, the user shall ensure that all defective and unutilised specimens of the reproductions of forint coins are destroyed.

## **6. Other provisions concerning the production and utilisation of forint coin reproductions**

### **Article 9**

Issues related to the production and utilisation of the reproductions of forint coins not regulated in this Decree shall be governed by the Act on Copyright where appropriate.

## **7. Reproductions of euro coins**

### **Article 10**

(1) The Commission holds the copyright on the design of the common face of euro coins.

(2) Reproductions of euro coins are governed by Council Regulation 2182/2004/EC and the provisions laid down by the Commission on the copyright protection of the common face design of euro coins.

## **8. Closing provisions**

### **Article 11**

This Decree shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following its publication.

### **Article 12**

1. Article 10 of this Decree is intended to ensure compliance with Commission communication 2011/C 41/03 (of 10 February 2011) on copyright protection of the common face design of the euro coins (HL C 41., 2011.02.10., pages 4-6).

2. Article 14 (2) of this Decree is intended to ensure compliance with the Article (2) of the European Central Bank Decision 2013/211/EU (of 19 April 2013) on the denominations, specifications, reproduction, exchange and withdrawal of euro banknotes.

### **Article 13**

Prior notification on the draft of this Decree has been provided in accordance with the first and second indents of Article 2(1) of Council Decision 98/415/EC of 29 June 1998 on the consultation of the European Central Bank by national authorities regarding draft legislative provisions.

**Article 14**

(1) Article 1 a) of MNB Decree No. 2/2010 (I. 28.) on the reproductions of forint and euro banknotes (hereinafter: Decree) is replaced by the following provision:

*(This Decree shall apply to)*

“a) the reproductions of forint banknotes — including commemorative banknotes — issued by the Magyar Nemzeti Bank (hereinafter: ‘MNB’) and in circulation or withdrawn from circulation by the MNB but convertible to legal tender (hereinafter collectively: ‘forint banknotes’),”.

(2) Point 1 in Article 11 of the Decree is replaced by the following provision:

*(Article 8 of this Decree is intended to ensure compliance with)*

“1. the Article (2) of the European Central Bank Decision 2013/211/EU (of 19 April 2013) on the denominations, specifications, reproduction, exchange and withdrawal of euro banknotes and”.

(3) In Article (5) 1 of the Decree the text “Article 29/A. e) of the MNB Act” shall be replaced by “Article 45 d) of Act CXXXIX of 2013 on the Magyar Nemzeti Bank”.

**Article 15**

MNB Decree No. 3/2010 (I. 28.) on the reproductions of forint and euro coins is hereby repealed.

Annex 1 to MNB Decree No. 36/2014 (IX. 25.)

## 1. Reference band applicable to reproductions of forint circulation coins

Reference band relating to circulation coin reproductions means the combinations of diameter and edge height within the reference range of diameter and edge height of coin reproductions, as per the following:

1.1. Diameter reference range is between 20.50 millimetre and 29.00 millimetre.

1.2 Edge height reference range covers the whole spectrum between 5.0% and 13.1% of the diameter sizes within the diameter reference range.

## 2. Restrictions relating to the composition of forint circulation coin reproductions

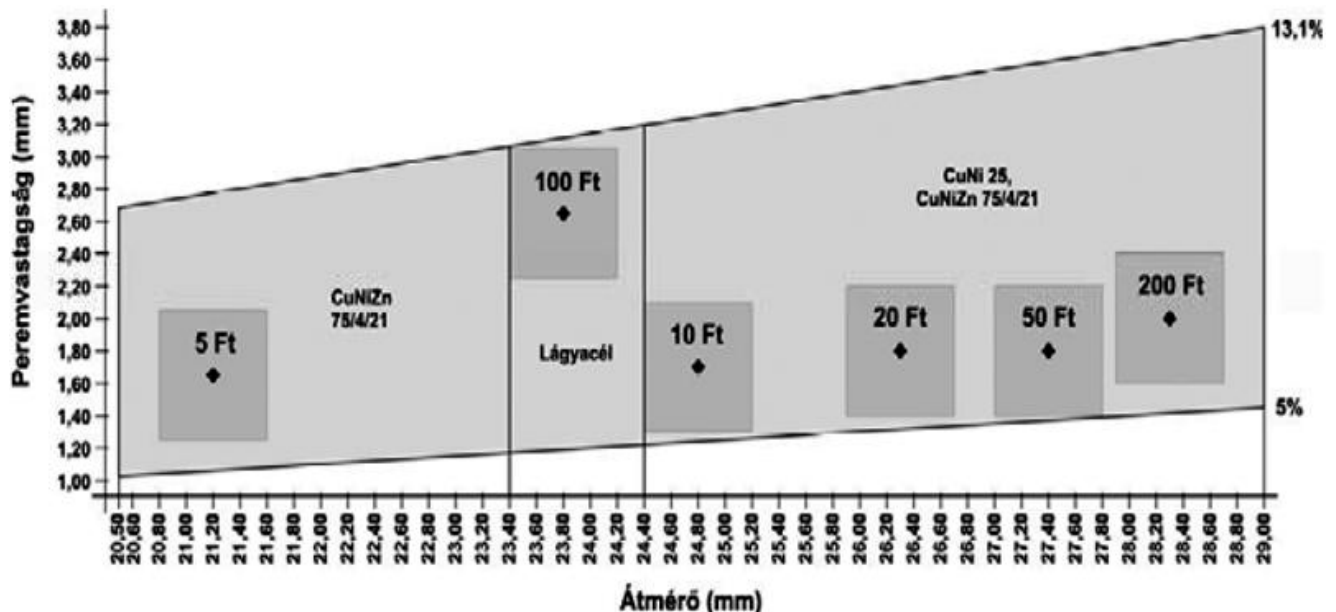
	Diameter (mm)	Material
1.	20.50 - 23.39	Cu75/Ni4/Zn21
2.	23.40 - 24.39	Galvanised-annealed steel
3.	24.40 - 29.00	Cu75/Ni4/Zn21 and Cu75/Ni25

## 3. Restrictions relating to the diameter and edge height range of forint circulation coin reproductions

	Diameter (mm)	Edge height (mm)
1.	20.8 - 21.6	1.25 - 2.05
2.	24.4 - 25.2	1.30 - 2.10
3.	25.9 - 26.7	1.40 - 2.20
4.	27.0 - 27.8	1.40 - 2.20
5.	27.9 - 28.7	1.60 - 2.40
6.	23.4 - 24.2	2.25 - 3.05

## 4. Graphic display

The chart below demonstrates — for information purposes only — the parameters contained in points 1-3 for reproductions of forint circulation coins.



Peremvastagság (mm) Edge height (mm)  
 Átmérő (mm) Diameter (mm)  
 Lágyacél galvanised- annealed steel

Annex 2 to MNB Decree No. 36/2014. (IX. 25.)**Forint Coin Reproduction Application Form**

1. Information on the user* and the representative of the user of the reproduction of the forint coin	Name of the user:	
	Address (home or other registered address) of the user:	
	Name of the representative of the user:	
	Address (home or other registered address) of the representative of the user:	
	E-mail**:	
	Telephone**:	
	Fax**:	
2. Information on the reproduction of the forint coin	Intended use:	
	Intended quantity:	
	Method of reproduction:	
	Base material:	
	Description of the reproduction of the forint coin:	
	Method, planned date and duration of placement into commercial circulation:	

\* User: the person ordering or (if the reproduction is used by its producer) producing the reproduction of the forint coin.

\*\* Optional.

Date: .....

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User's signature