

# NEWS ON COINS AND BANKNOTES<sup>1</sup>

## **Validity of Two Banknotes Terminated in the Czech Republic**

The Czech central bank announced the withdrawal of two banknotes issued in 1993 – the 1000- and 5000koruna – as of 30 June 2001.

The banknotes in question will be exchanged by all commercial banks operating in the Czech Republic until 30 June 2004 and after that date, by the central bank and its regional branches.

The 1000koruna banknotes issued in 1996 and 5000koruna notes issued in 1999 will remain in circulation.

More information on the Czech banknotes is available at the central bank's web site at [www.cnb.cz/en](http://www.cnb.cz/en)

## **1000krone Banknote in Norway Gets New Security Features**

On June 19, the Norwegian central bank issued the new 1000krone banknote of the Series VII with improved security features.

For one year, the 1000krone banknotes of the Series VI will remain in circulation as legal tender and their withdrawal will be announced separately.

More information on the Norwegian banknotes is available at the central bank's web site at [www.norges-bank.no/english](http://www.norges-bank.no/english)

## **Belarus Issues New 10 000rouble Banknote**

The central bank of Belarus on 16 April introduced the new 10 000rouble banknotes of the 2000 Series in the Republic of Belarus.

The web site of the Belarussian central bank is at [www.nrb.by](http://www.nrb.by)

## **Two New Banknotes Issued in Ukraine**

The Ukrainian central bank issued two new banknotes of the 2001 Series – the 2hryvnias banknote in July and the 200hryvnias banknote in August.

The new 2hryvnias banknote has the same design and security features as the banknote issued in 1997. The 2hryvnias of the 1996 and 1997 Series will remain in circulation and will be withdrawn gradually as they wear out.

The web site of the Ukrainian central bank is at [www.bank.gov.ua/ENGL](http://www.bank.gov.ua/ENGL)

## **Swedish 100- and 500krona Banknotes Upgraded**

The Swedish Riksbank announced the introduction of the 100- and 500krona banknotes with upgraded design and additional security features as of 1 October.

The older versions of the 100krona and 500krona banknotes will remain legal tender.

More information on the Swedish banknotes is available at the Riksbank's web site at [www.riksbank.se](http://www.riksbank.se)

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<sup>1</sup> This column will feature news about the introduction or withdrawal of banknotes, detection of counterfeit notes, etc. The information is based on the official announcements of the central banks of foreign countries and information supplied by the Cash and Security Department of Eesti Pank. (Editor's note).