

The Central Bank of Portugal on the implementation of the Banknote Recycling Framework António Pinto Pereira Head of Issue and Treasury Department Banco de Portugal

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1. Rationale

Article 106 (1) of the Treaty establishing the European Community and Article 16 of the ESCB Statute give the Eurosystem the <u>legal mandate to issue euro</u> <u>banknotes</u>.



A primary task is to <u>ensure the integrity and preservation of euro banknotes in</u> <u>circulation</u> and, by extension, the public's trust in euro banknotes.

To attain these objectives, <u>the condition (quality) of euro banknotes in</u> <u>circulation must be maintained at a good level</u> so as to ensure that banknotes are accepted as a means of payment by the general public and can be readily used by banknote accepting devices.



To provide credit institutions and professional cash handlers with <u>assistance in complying with</u> the obligations laid down in Article 6 of the Council Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001.

To effectively implement a <u>common policy</u> regarding banknote recycling by credit institutions and other professional cash handlers in order to avoid competitive distortions within the euro area and to contribute to the establishment of a single euro cash area.

To recommend to credit institutions and other professional cash handlers the <u>observance of due</u> <u>diligence standards concerning the handling of</u> <u>euro banknotes so as to contribute to</u> <u>maintaining the quality and authenticity of euro</u> <u>banknotes in circulation</u>.



3. Opportunities

Increasing security on cash operations

Efficiency improvement and cost saving from automatization of cash operations

More safety and confidence on externalization

Processes innovation. New concept of over-thecounter operations

New market opportunities

Clarification of the legal framework

4. Activity





5. Requirements

Credit Institutions, Cash in transit Companies

- Eligible equipments
- Qualified staff
- Activity reporting

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- Legal Framework
- Training
- Reporting tools
- Monitoring system



Legal Framework



Legal Framework



| | Legal Act | •Decree-Law | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | Regulatory Process | •Circulars Letters, Instructions | |
| | Contractual approach | •Contracts | |
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General rules:

• Euro banknotes shall only be returned to circulation via ATM or other costumer-operated machines if they have been checked for both authenticity and fitness by banknote handling machines successfully tested by an NCB.

• Banknotes which have been checked for authenticity and fitness by trained staff members, either manually or without the use of eligible equipment, shall not be returned to circulation via ATM or other costumer-operated machines, but can only be re-issued over-the-counter.





Training











Reporting Tools







Monitoring System



Monitoring System







Off-site Inspections

Banknote returned from CIT companies are checked by sampling, manually and automatically (eligible equipment).









Communication and cooperation process



Communication and participation process



7. Status of Implementation

Migration Plan - 31December 2009

Credit Institutions

| Compliance with BRF rules | Total Values | Estimation End 2009 | Figures Abs. | End 2009 % |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| No. ATM | 15,822 | 88% | 12,801 | 81% |
| No. Branches | 6,067 | 59 % | 3,435 | 57 % |
| No. Qualified staff members | 25,543 | 92 % | 21,921 | 86% |

CIT Companies

100%



8. Developments



Thank you for your attention

