

MNB Decree No. 42/2024 (IX. 19.)

on the reproductions of forint and euro coins

Having regard to the authorisation granted by [Article 171\(1\) g\)-i\)](#) and [Article 173 b\) of Act CXXXIX of 2013](#) on the Magyar Nemzeti Bank, and acting within my scope of duty laid down in [Articles 4\(2\) and \(6\) of Act CXXXIX of 2013](#) on the Magyar Nemzeti Bank, I hereby decree the following:

1. Scope

Article 1 This Decree shall apply to:

a) the reproductions of

aa) circulation coins,

ab) commemorative coins, and

ac) collector coins

issued or put into circulation by the Magyar Nemzeti Bank (hereinafter: 'MNB'), in circulation or withdrawn from circulation by the MNB (hereinafter collectively: 'forint coins'),

b) in respect of Article 12 — in matters not provided for in Council Regulation 2182/2004/EC of 6 December 2004 concerning medals and tokens similar to euro coins, 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. *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;

2. *collector coin*: a forint coin issued and put into circulation by the MNB, the primary function of which is not to be used for cash payments, but to convey historical and cultural values, to draw public attention to these values, to disseminate knowledge and to commemorate or pay tribute to the person, event or significant anniversary commemorated on it;

3. *circulation coin*: forint coin issued by the MNB for use as a means of cash payment;

4. *commemorative coin*: a circulation coin issued not only for use in cash payments but also to commemorate some highly important event or anniversary for society as a whole, for the nation, or one embodying some universal value, and for drawing the public's attention to such value or values;

5. *reproductions of forint coins*: any effective (tangible) or virtual (intangible) image using the whole or any part of a forint coin or individual graphic elements thereof, or of a 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 to that of a genuine forint coin, a modified image or whether it includes elements not featured in the genuine forint coin;

6. *individual graphic elements of a forint coin*: the following elements defined in the legal act on the issue of a specific forint coin:

a) the denomination,

b) name of the currency ('forint') or its Hungarian or foreign language abbreviation, used in practice,

c) the official name of Hungary or its Hungarian or any foreign language abbreviation, used in practice at the time of issuance of the forint coin,

d) the year of coinage,

d) the 'BP.' mint mark,

f) the image on the reverse and front side;

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

8. *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;

9. *material of precious metals*: an alloy containing gold, silver, platinum or palladium, of a millesimal (‰) fineness of at least 375‰ for gold, 500‰ for silver and palladium and at least 900‰ for platinum;

10. *theme*: the historic, political or social event, person, location, work of art that is the basis of the issuance of the given collector coin or commemorative coin, not including the collectors' series organising such subjects.

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), Article 7(1)a) and b), and Article 8(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 the name of the currency (‘forint’) or its Hungarian or any foreign language abbreviation, used in practice,

b) which contains the official name of Hungary or its Hungarian or any foreign language abbreviation, used in practice at the time of issuance of the forint coin,

c) whose size is within the reference band specified in point 1 of Annex 1,

d) that represents motifs or graphic elements partially or fully similar to the image on the front and reverse side of the forint coin.

(3) The prohibition as per Paragraph (1) and (2) shall prevail regarding the time of the producing of the forint coin reproduction and its actual use (e.g. circulation).

Article 4 Using the expressions ‘coin’, ‘collector 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 circulation coins from circulation coins in circulation and withdrawn from circulation and convertible to legal tender (hereinafter: ‘convertible’) may be produced without the authorisation of the MNB if

a) they do not include the name of the currency (‘forint’) or its Hungarian or foreign language abbreviation used in practice, and

b) their size is outside the reference band specified in point 1 of Annex 1, or

c) their size is within the reference band specified in point 1 of Annex 1, provided that,

ca) their composition differs from that specified in point 2 of Annex 1 for the permissible diameter range, and

cb) the combinations of their diameter and edge height are consistently outside the ranges specified in point 3 of Annex 1.

(2) Metallic reproductions of collector coins in circulation and from convertible collector coins may be produced without the MNB's authorisation from 20 years after its original issue, provided the producing of such reproduction collector coins is not prohibited pursuant to Article 3.

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

(4) Reproductions of forint coins in circulation and from convertible 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 made available via an electronic device, on an Internet website, or through a fixed-line or wireless device.

Article 7 (1) Reproductions of forint coins withdrawn from circulation and non-convertible to legal tender (hereinafter: 'non-convertible') may be produced without the authorisation of the MNB

a) from precious metal material, if they bear the inscription 'reproduction' or an abbreviation thereof clearly indicating its reproduction character,

b) from other metal materials not classified as precious metal, if they bear the inscription 'reproduction' or an abbreviation thereof clearly indicating its reproduction character, and if their size and material composition comply with the provisions of Article 6(1)b) and c),

c) from non-metallic materials,

d) as illustrations made of paper or other non-metallic materials, as well as reproductions of forint coins made available via an electronic device, on an Internet website, or through a fixed-line or wireless device.

(2) The person ordering or – if the reproduction of forint coins is used by its producer – producing the reproduction of forint coins as specified in Points (a) and (b) of Paragraph (1) (hereinafter collectively: 'user') shall provide data to the MNB with the data content specified in Annex 2. The user shall provide the data by sending an e-mail to utanzat@mnb.hu by the 5th working day prior to the date of the production of the reproduction of the forint coin.

5. Reproductions of forint coins requiring authorisation

Article 8 (1) The following coins in circulation and convertible coins may 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) reproduction of collector coin and commemorative coin regardless of its size, material composition and the individual graphic elements to be featured on it, within 20 years of the issue of the given collector coin or the commemorative coin,

b) reproduction of a collector coin or a commemorative coin, from 20 years after the issue of the given collector coin or the commemorative coin, if the reproduction to be produced deviates from

ab) any of the provisions laid down in Article 6(1) in the case of reproductions of commemorative coins,

bb) any of the provisions laid down in Article 6(2) in the case of reproductions of collector coins,

or there is any doubt of conformity to them,

c) reproductions of circulation coins if such reproduction to be produced differs from any of the requirements defined in Article 6(1) or any doubt arises regarding compliance with these requirements.

(2) Reproductions of non-convertible forint coins made of metal may be produced 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 if the reproduction to be produced differs from any of the requirements set out in Article 7(1)a) and b) or any doubt arises regarding compliance with these requirements.

(3) The authorisation requirement referred to in Paragraph (1) and (2) shall apply to the date of both the producing and the actual use (e.g. circulation) of a reproduction forint coin.

Article 9 (1) Application for authorisation shall be submitted by the user of the reproduction of the forint coin using the form specified in Annex 3.

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

(3) The authorisation procedure of the reproductions of forint coins shall be free of charge.

Article 10 (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), and Article 7(1)a) and b) during the manufacture 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 11 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 as appropriate.

7. Reproductions of euro coins

Article 12 (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 13 This Decree shall enter into force on the 15th day following its publication.

Article 14 Article 12 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., 2011.2.10., pages 4-6).

Article 15

Annex 1 to MNB Decree No. 42/2024 (IX. 19.)

Certain parameters of reproductions of circulation coins and of commemorative coins

1. Reference band applicable to reproductions of circulation coin and commemorative coin

Reference band relating to reproductions of circulation coin and commemorative coin 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 range between 5.0% and 13.1% of the diameter sizes within the diameter reference range.

2. Restrictions relating to the composition of the reproductions of circulation coin and commemorative coin

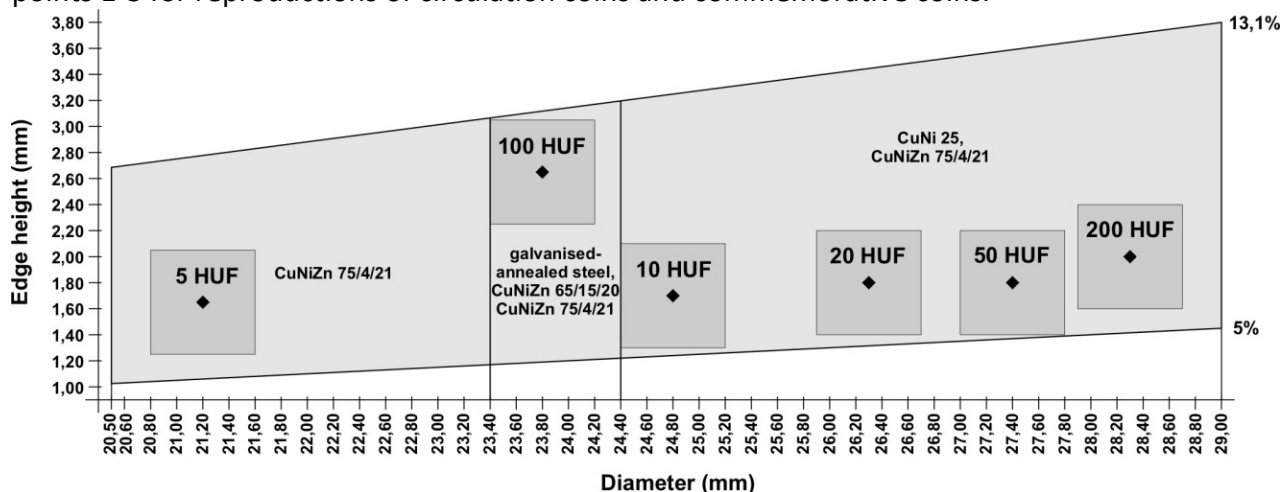
	Diameter (mm)	Material
1	20.50–23.39	Cu75/Ni4/Zn21
2	23.40–24.39	Galvanised-annealed steel
3	23.40–24.39	Cu65/Ni15/Zn20 and Cu75/Ni4/Zn21
4	24.40–29.00	Cu75/Ni4/Zn21 and Cu75/Ni25

3. Restrictions relating to the diameter and edge height range of composition of the reproductions of circulation coin and commemorative coin

	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 circulation coins and commemorative coins.



Annex 2 to MNB Decree No. 42/2024 (IX. 19.)

Data supply regarding reproductions of non-convertible forint coins made of precious metals or other metal materials other than precious metals

1. Data relating to the user* of reproductions of non-convertible forint coins made of precious metal or other metal materials other than precious metals (hereinafter: 'reproduction made of metal of non-convertible forint coins'):

- a) the name of the user,
- b) the user's address or registered office,
- c) e-mail address**,
- d) telephone**.

2. Data on reproductions made of metal of non-convertible forint coins:

- a) the purpose of use,
- b) the number of items to be produced,
- c) the method of reproduction,
- d) the name of the material(s),

e) the name and description of the reproductions made of metal of the non-convertible forint coin,
 f) method, planned date and duration of placement into commercial circulation.

* User: the person ordering or (if the reproduction made of metal of the non-convertible forint coin is used by its producer) producing the reproduction made of metal of the non-convertible forint coin.

** Optional.

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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:	
	Home address or registered office of the user:	
	Representative's name:	
	Home address or registered office of the representative:	
	Email**:	
	Telephone**:	
2. Information on the reproduction of the forint coin	Intended use:	
	Intended quantity:	
	Method of reproduction:	
	Name of the material:	
	Name and 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