

**DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK**  
**of 14 December 2000**  
**on the approval of the volume of coin issuance in 2001**  
**(ECB/2000/17)**  
**(2000/824/EC)**

THE COVERING COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community (hereinafter referred to as the 'Treaty') and in particular to Article 106(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Central Bank (ECB) has the exclusive right to approve the volume of coins issued by the Member States as from 1 January 1999.
- (2) Member States have submitted to the ECB for approval their estimates of the volume of national coins to be issued in 2001, supplemented by explanatory notes on the forecasting methodology,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

**Approval of the volume of national coins to be issued in 2001**

The ECB hereby approves the volume of coins to be issued by the participating Member States in 2001 as described in the following table:

	<i>(million EUR)</i>
	Issuance of coins intended for circulation and issuance of collector coins (not intended for circulation) in 2001
Belgium	38,3
Germany	153,9
Greece	23,0
Spain	217,5

*(million EUR)*

	Issuance of coins intended for circulation and issuance of collector coins (not intended for circulation) in 2001
France	82,4
Ireland	45,0
Italy	18,7
Luxembourg	0,6
Netherlands	49,9
Austria	105,9
Portugal	30,0
Finland	25,2

*Article 2*

**Final provisions**

This Decision is addressed to the participating Member States.

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 14 December 2000.

*The President of the ECB*  
 Willem F. DUISENBERG