



SCREENING CHAPTER 24 JUSTICE FREEDOM AND SECURITY

AGENDA ITEM 14: EURO COUNTERFEITING

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CURRENCY COUNTERFEITING

Article 197 of the Turkish Criminal Code (TCC) arranges that "A person who counterfeits or forges currency which is legal tender in Turkey or in foreign countries for the purpose of bringing it into circulation shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of two to twelve years and to a heavy fine corresponding up to ten thousand days.

The authorized body for examination counterfeits is the one that has issued banknotes. (Article 73, TCC). Therefore the authorized body is the Central Bank. In the case of counterfeits of foreign currencies, the central bank shall obtain the assessments of related authorities.

Law enforcement bodies has the authority only to conduct preliminary examination of counterfeits.





ACCESS TO THE COUNTERFEIT MONITORING SYSTEM

Within the Central Bank, a Unit for Monitoring Counterfeit Banknotes system was established. The system enables sharing information between the related units of CB and the law enforcement bodies.

The purpose of this unit is to determine value, amount, region and production methods of counterfeits and ensure combating against it.

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