

**PRESS RELEASE**

As already known, The Central Bank of The Republic of Turkey (CBRT) announced its regulations regarding the cash changeover of the legacy currencies of the 12 Member States of the European Monetary Union to the single currency 'euro', via the press release dated August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2001. In the light of those regulations, CBRT undertook all the necessary measures in order to ensure a smooth cash changeover. Starting from December 1<sup>st</sup> 2001, CBRT began to import euro banknotes and sub-frontloaded them to the banks and made them available in its branches for use from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2002.

Beginning from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2002 the legacy banknotes and coins of the 12 Member States circulating together with euro, have ceased to be legal tenders and were withdrawn from circulation. The dual circulation period for these currencies ended after the following dates: Dutch Guilder on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2002, Irish Punt on February 9<sup>th</sup> 2002, French Franc on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2002, and Deutsche Mark, Austrian Schilling, Belgian Franc, Finnish Markka, Spanish Peseta, Italian Lira, Luxemburg Franc, Portuguese Escudo, Greek Drahma on February 28<sup>th</sup> 2002.

**A - BANKNOTE SHIPMENTS TO ABROAD**

The amounts of the banknotes shipped from Turkey to abroad in the period August 2001- February 28<sup>th</sup> 2002 are illustrated in the Table-I. CBRT is still collecting the data concerning the shipments of the 12 legacy currencies conducted by the banks and the special finance houses directly to abroad. The final data and information will be announced to the public when the complete information is compiled.

<b>TABLE I : BANKNOTE SHIPMENTS IN 12 LEGACY CURRENCIES ( MILLION )</b>						
	<b>DEUTSCHE MARK (DEM) NOTES</b>		<b>OTHER NOTES (EMU) (in DEM terms)</b>		<b>TOTAL (in DEM terms)</b>	<b>TOTAL (in EUR terms)</b>
	<b>CBRT</b>	<b>BANKS*</b>	<b>CBRT</b>	<b>BANKS*</b>		
<b>2001</b>						
<b>AUGUST</b>	348		115		463	237
<b>SEPT.</b>	368		8		377	193
<b>OCT.</b>	416	562	65	130	1,172	599
<b>NOV.</b>	623	1,074	48	131	1,875	959
<b>DEC.</b>	645	386	25	20	1,076	550
<b>2001 TOTAL</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>4,963</b>	<b>2,537</b>
<b>2002</b>						
<b>JAN.</b>	1,966		102		2,068	1,057
<b>FEB.</b>	98		14		112	57
<b>2002 TOTAL</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>1,114</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,464</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>7,142</b>	<b>3,652</b>

\* December data is provisional

Taking into account the increasing amount of the legacy currency banknotes sold to the CBRT by the banks, special finance houses and the authorised institutions before January 1<sup>st</sup> 2002, the first day for the physical cash changeover; it may be considered that the changeover effectively started in August 2001 and the equivalent of DEM 7.1 billion Deutsche Marks and national banknotes had been sent abroad till the end of February 2002. DEM 4.8 billion out of the total amount had been shipped by the CBRT.

**B - EURO CASH CHANGEOVER TRANSACTIONS**

The transactions of the CBRT concerning euro banknotes in the period January-February 2002 are illustrated in the Table- II.

<b>TABLE II CBRT EURO BANKNOTE TRANSACTIONS (MILLION)</b>				
<b>NOTES BOUGHT</b>	<b>NOTES BOUGHT (DEM)</b>		<b>TOTAL DEM</b>	<b>EUR SOLD</b>
	<b>DEM</b>	<b>OTHERS (EMU)</b>		
<b>JAN. 2002</b>	577	5	582	401
<b>FEB. 2002</b>	141	1	142	46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>447</b>

As it is seen from the Table- II, during the first two months of the cash changeover period, net EUR 447 million euros were sold by the CBRT in the domestic market.

As it was indicated in the press release dated August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2001, the CBRT will continue to exchange 12 legacy currency banknotes with euro banknotes until the end of 2003.

The cost of the euro banknote changeover charged by the CBRT stated in the previous press release remains unchanged. Any amendments which will be made upon any new developments in the coming months, will be announced to the public in advance.

Beginning from February 28<sup>th</sup> 2002, the indicative exchange rates for the 12 Member States legacy currencies have not been published by the CBRT.