An Ordinance to amend the Euro Ordinance 2007

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BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:

1. Short title

This Ordinance may be cited as the Euro (Amendment) Ordinance 2007.

2. Amendments to the Euro Ordinance

(1) The Euro Ordinance 2007(a) is amended as follows.

(2) Section 11 (Substitution of fines and administrative penalties) is deleted and replaced as follows:

“11. Substitution of fines, administrative penalties and fixed penalties

(1) From the adoption date, the maximum amounts of a fine, administrative penalty or the amount of a fixed penalty set out in -

(a) an Ordinance or Public Instrument, as adapted by the Increase of Fines Ordinance 1987(b); or

(b) any other legal instrument,

which are expressed in pounds and are contained in the first column of the Table in the Notification of the Chief Officer, which is published in the Gazette, will be substituted for the amounts in euros that are specified in the second column of the Table.

(2) Where in any Ordinance or Public Instrument reference is made to a maximum amount of a fine, administrative penalty or to a fixed penalty which is expressed in pounds and is not contained in the first column of the Table in the Notification of the Chief Officer, this reference will be read as a reference to the euro unit according to the conversion rate.

(3) Any conversion required in accordance with this section will be carried out in accordance with section 5 and will be rounded down to the nearest euro.”
(3) In section 22 (Fees and charges), subsection (2) is deleted and replaced as follows:
   “(2) The conversion of fees or charges of less than £1 from the pound to the euro
   will be in accordance with sections 5 and 6.
   (3) The conversion of any other fee or charge from the pound to the euro will be in
   accordance with section 5 and will be rounded down to the nearest euro.”

3. Commencement

This Ordinance comes into force on the day it is published in the Gazette.

Notes
(a) Ordinance 18/07
(b) Ordinance 21/87
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the Ordinance)

Introduction

1. These explanatory notes relate to the Euro (Amendment) Ordinance 2007. They have been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Ordinance. They do not form part of the Ordinance.

2. The notes need to be read in conjunction with the Ordinance. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Ordinance. When a section or part of a section does not seem to require any explanation or comment, none is given.

Particular Points

3. Section 2(2) clarifies that fixed penalties under the Fixed Penalty Ordinance 1998 (Ordinance 5/98) should be converted to the Euro from 1st January 2008 in accordance with the rules in section 11. This means that those fixed penalties for which the amount in pounds is included in the Table to be published by Notification of the Chief Officer are converted in accordance with that Table. Otherwise, conversion takes place at the conversion rate and is then rounded down to the nearest Euro. If section 11 did not apply, conversion would be in accordance with section 8 which applies to legal instruments and provides for conversion at the conversion rate with rounding to the nearest cent.

4. Section 2(3) amends section 22(2) so that fees and charges, other than ones of less than one pound, are rounded down to the nearest euro. This ensures that most fees and charges are in round euro amounts which are more convenient and easier to handle.