



Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

MEMORANDUM NO. M-2006-021

To : ALL BANKS

Subject : COUNTERFEIT 10-PISO and 5-PISO BSP SERIES COINS

The Cash Department has recently received and confiscated counterfeit 10-piso and 5-piso coins. Please be guided by the following distinguishing characteristics of these counterfeit coins:

A. 10-piso Coins

Features	Description
1. Design -	
Obverse: Profiles of A. Mabini and A. Bonifacio	Bigger than the genuine; low relief
Reverse: Logo of BSP	Low relief; off center
2. Letterings -	Irregular; low relief
3. Mint Mark -	Defective; low relief
4. Rim -	
Obverse:	Elevated; with low relief
Reverse:	Elevated; with sharp edge and intermittent readings
5. Metallic Grain -	Coarse; with bubbles
6. Inner Core -	Pale yellow or yellow brass in color
7. Other Characteristic -	Magnetic

B. 5-piso Coins

Features	Description
1. Design -	
Obverse: Profile of E. Aguinaldo	Details of the profile are of low relief
Reverse: Logo of BSP	Low relief
12-scallop border design	Touches the rim
2. Letterings and Numerals -	Wider than the genuine; low relief
3. Mint Mark -	Not defined; low relief
4. Rim -	Elevated but of low relief; wider than the genuine
5. Diameter and Thickness -	Smaller than the genuine
6. Metallic Grain -	Coarse; with bubbles
7. Color -	Dark yellow

WHAT TO DO IN CASE YOU TAKE HOLD OF COUNTERFEIT COINS

Kindly examine all coins received as you may be holding a counterfeit. In this case, immediately communicate with the Currency Analysis and Redemption Sub-Group or the Investigation Sub-Group, Cash Department, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas at telephone numbers 524-27-77; 523-98-06; 524-70-11 locals 2296 and 2388, or the nearest Bangko Sentral Regional Office/Branch.


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