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**AN BILLE UM AIRGEAD REATHA DEACHÚIL, 1990**  
**DECIMAL CURRENCY BILL, 1990**

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*Mar a ritheadh ag dhá Theach an Oireachtais*  
*As passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas*

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**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

**Section**

1. "Principal Act".
2. Provision and issue by Minister of coins denominated in European currency units.
3. Amendment of Principal Act.
4. Short title and construction.

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**ACTS REFERRED TO**

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| Copyright Act, 1963                 | 1963, No. 10 |
| Decimal Currency Act, 1969          | 1969, No. 23 |
| Decimal Currency Acts, 1969 to 1989 |              |





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# BILL

*entitled*

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUE BY THE MINISTER 5  
FOR FINANCE OF COINS OF A DENOMINATION OF ONE  
POUND AND COINS DENOMINATED IN EUROPEAN  
CURRENCY UNITS, TO AMEND THE DECIMAL CUR-  
RENCY ACTS, 1969 TO 1989, AND TO PROVIDE FOR 10  
CONNECTED MATTERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

“Principal Act”.

1.—In this Act “the Principal Act” means the Decimal Currency Act, 1969.

Provision and issue  
by Minister of coins  
denominated in  
European currency  
units.

2.—(1) The Minister may provide coins of such denominations in European currency units, of such designs, of such dimensions, of such 15  
weights and of such metal, or of such metals and composition, as he  
may determine.

(2) Coins provided under this section may be issued and put on sale to the public by the Minister through the Central Bank.

(3) The prices of coins put on sale under *subsection* (2) shall be 20  
determined by the Minister.

(4) A tender of a coin issued under this section shall not be legal tender for the payment of any amount and a holder of such a coin shall not be entitled to demand any value denoted thereon or the equivalent of that value in the currency of any state. 25

(5) Sections 6 and 13 of the Principal Act shall apply to coins provided under this section.

(6) Sections 7, 11 and 20 of the Principal Act shall apply to coins issued under this section.

(7) Section 57 of the Copyright Act, 1963, shall apply to coins 30  
issued under this section.

Amendment of  
Principal Act.

3.—The Principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) by the insertion of the following section after section 4:

“Provision of  
copper coins  
containing other  
metals.

4A.—(1) The Minister may, in addition to or in lieu of providing 35  
bronze coins of the several denomi-  
nations authorised by section 3 of this



Act, provide coins of those denominations consisting, in each case, of a core of metal or metals (other than copper) covered in copper.

5 (2) Every coin provided under this section shall be of the standard weight and standard composition prescribed by the Minister by regulations.

10 (3) There shall be allowed in respect of coins provided under this section the remedy (or variation from the standard weight and standard composition) prescribed by the Minister by regulations.

15 (4) A coin of any denomination provided under this section shall be of the same dimensions and design as the dimensions and design standing prescribed for the time being under section 3 (6) of this Act in respect of a coin of that denomination.

(5) Sections 5 and 6 of this Act shall apply to coins provided under this section and section 7 of this Act shall apply to every issue of coins so provided.”

25 (b) in section 14, by the insertion in subsection (1) after “this Act” of “or the *Decimal Currency Act, 1990*,” and

(c) in the First Schedule, by the insertion in the part headed “*Cupro-nickel Coins*” of the following:

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|-----------|----------|--|--------|-------------|
| One pound | 10.00000 | 75 per cent.<br>copper, 25 per<br>cent. nickel | 0.0450 | 2 per cent. |
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30 4.—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Decimal Currency Act, 1990*. Short title and construction.

(2) The *Decimal Currency Acts, 1969 to 1989*, and this Act may be cited together as the *Decimal Currency Acts, 1969 to 1990*, and shall be construed together as one Act.



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BILLE

*dá ngairtear*

Acht do dhéanamh socrú le go n-eiseoidh an tAire Airgeadais monaí d'ainmhuachaint amháin agus monaí in ainmhuachaint aonad airgeadaíochta Eorpach, do leasú na nAchtanna um Airgead Reatha Deachúil, 1969 go 1989, agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe comhghaolmhara.

*Ritheadh ag dhá Theach an Oireachtais,  
14 Márta, 1990*

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ARNA FHOILSIÚ AG OIFIG AN tSOLÁTHAIR

Le ceannach díreach ón Oifig Dhíolta Foilseachán Rialtais,  
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BILL

*entitled*

An Act to provide for the issue by the Minister for Finance of coins of a denomination of one pound and coins denominated in European currency units, to amend the Decimal Currency Acts, 1969 to 1989, and to provide for connected matters.

*Passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas,  
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