

Euro bills of exchange

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

PAPER CHARACTERISTICS

The bills must be printed on white OCR paper weighing a minimum of 80 g/m² and a maximum of 90 g/m². The paper must not be fluorescent. If laser printers are used, xerographic OCR paper (with adequate resistance to heat and pressure) weighing a minimum of 80 g/m² and a maximum of 90 g/m² may be used.

Environment-friendly paper qualities (such as unbleached paper or paper with very low chlorine levels) may be used if the paper meets the requirements stipulated by this protocol.

INK CHARACTERISTICS

Front

- The form is printed in ochre ink.
- The ink colour used is HKS 6E, which corresponds to PMS 137.
- The headings are printed in red ink.
- The ink colour used for the wording is OCR PMS Warm Red.
- Markers for optical reading, language code and form code in black ink.
- If laser printers are used, the ink must be heat-resistant.

Back

Frame and text: PMS - OCR - Warm Red 100 %.

BACKGROUND CHARACTERISTICS

120 to 133 lines per inch, 20% ochre.

Xerographic paper : 120 lines per inch maximum.

OFFICIAL PRINTING FILMS

Any printer wishing to print transfer or payment forms must adhere totally to the technical characteristics of the paper and must use the files made available by the Secretariat of the protocols via the website **www.nbb.be**.

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Examples:

- Bill of exchange
- Promissory note
- Bank acceptance
- Supplier's bill
- Bill in foreign currencies

Codes:

E = English

N = Dutch

F = French

D = German

NF = Dutch-French

FN = French-Dutch

FD = French-German