

shall be liable to imprisonment not exceeding five years or a fine.

(2) Whosoever uses or brings into circulation as valid used official stamps from which the devaluation mark has been removed, shall be liable to imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine.

(3) The attempt shall be punishable.

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Section 149 Preparatory acts

(1) Whosoever prepares to counterfeit money or stamps by producing, procuring for himself or another, offering for sale, storing or giving to another

1. plates, frames, type, blocks, negatives, stencils, computer programs or similar equipment which by its nature is suitable for the commission of the offence;
2. paper, which is identical or easy to confuse with the type of paper designated for the production of money or official stamps and especially protected against imitation; or
3. holograms or other elements affording protection against counterfeiting

shall be liable to imprisonment not exceeding five years or a fine if he prepared to counterfeit money, otherwise with imprisonment not exceeding two years or a fine.

(2) Whosoever voluntarily

1. gives up the commission of the offence prepared for and averts a danger caused by him that others continue to prepare the offence or commit it, or prevents the completion of the offence; and
2. destroys or renders unusable the means for counterfeiting, to the extent that they still exist and are useful for counterfeiting, or reports their existence to a public authority or surrenders them there,

shall not be liable under subsection (1) above.

(3) If the danger that others continue to prepare or commit the offence is averted, or the completion of the act prevented regardless of the contribution of the offender his voluntary and earnest efforts to achieve this aim shall suffice in lieu of subsection (2) No 1 above.

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Section 150 Extended confiscation and deprivation

(1) In cases under section 146, section 148(1) or the preparation to counterfeit money under section 149(1) and section 152a as well as section 152b, section 73d shall apply if the offender acts on a commercial basis or as the member of a gang whose purpose is the continued counterfeiting of money.

(2) If a crime under this chapter has been committed the counterfeit money, the counterfeit or devalued stamps and the means of counterfeiting listed in section 149 shall be subject to a deprivation order.

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Section 151 Securities

The following securities shall be equivalent to money within the meaning of section 146, section 147, section 149 and section 150 if they are especially protected against imitation by print and type of paper:

1. bearer and order bonds which are parts of an entire issue, if the payment of a specified sum of money is promised in the bonds;
2. shares of stock;