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Press release

Recall deadline for banknotes expires

Series from the fifties and 5-franc note will soon be invalid

The recall deadline of the penultimate banknote series of the Swiss National Bank from the fifties and the five-franc note issued in 1914 will soon expire. The Swiss National Bank will still exchange these banknotes at its head offices, branches and agencies until 30 April 2000. By the end of September 1999, roughly 250 million francs worth of such notes were still outstanding. Starting from 1 May 2000, they will be valueless and can no longer be exchanged anywhere.

The banknotes which should be exchanged by the end of April 2000 comprise the following denominations, whose description and picture can also be found in the Internet

Nominal value	First issue	Features:	
		Front	Reverse
SFr. 5	03.08.1914	William Tell	Ornament
SFr. 10	01.10.1956	Gottfried Keller	Bennet blossoms
SFr. 20	29.03.1956	General Dufour	Thistle
SFr. 50	14.06.1957	Girl's head	Apple harvest
SFr. 100	14.06.1957	Boy's head	St Martin
SFr. 500	14.06.1957	Woman's head	Fountain of youth
SFr. 1000	14.06.1957	Woman's head	Danse macabre

The National Bank already recalled these notes on 30 April 1980. After an official recall, the Bank is prepared to exchange these notes at its counters for another twenty years. The countervalue of the notes which have not been exchanged until this point in time are credited to the Swiss Fund for Emergency Losses.

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