



Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 45

PART II

COUNTERFEITING AND KINDRED OFFENCES

Interpretation of Part II

28 **Meaning of “counterfeit”.**

- (1) For the purposes of this Part of this Act a thing is a counterfeit of a currency note or of a protected coin—
 - (a) if it is not a currency note or a protected coin but resembles a currency note or protected coin (whether on one side only or on both) to such an extent that it is reasonably capable of passing for a currency note or protected coin of that description; or
 - (b) if it is a currency note or protected coin which has been so altered that it is reasonably capable of passing for a currency note or protected coin of some other description.
- (2) For the purpose of this Part of this Act—
 - (a) a thing consisting of one side only of a currency note, with or without the addition of other material is a counterfeit of such a note;
 - (b) a thing consisting—
 - (i) of parts of two or more currency notes; or
 - (ii) of parts of a currency note, or of parts of two or more currency notes, with the addition of other material,is capable of being a counterfeit of a currency note.
- (3) References in this Part of this Act to passing or tendering a counterfeit of a currency note or a protected coin are not to be construed as confined to passing or tendering it as legal tender.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981, Section 28.