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The Riksbank's new information campaign for old coins

There is now only around three months left until the older 1, 2 and 5-krona coins become invalid. There are still 1.4 billion coins to a value of over SEK 2 billion out in circulation. The weight of the coins is equal to 25 fully-loaded Jumbo jets. Most of them risk lying forgotten and hidden in jars, piggybanks, wallets, pockets and cars. On average, each household has more than SEK 500 in coins.

After 30 June the older coins, with the exception of the 10-krona coin, will become invalid. The Riksbank is therefore continuing its information campaign "Efterlyst!" (Wanted). Over the coming weeks the campaign will be visible on huge posters, in newspapers and in digital channels.

"It is high time to gather up all the coins you have lying around. The easiest way to get rid of them is to pay with them, but you can also deposit them in a bank account. Start using your coins now, and don't wait until the last week they are valid. There may be queues to deposit them and shops may have difficulty in managing large volumes of coins in a short space of time," says Ann-Leena Mikiver, Director of Communications at the Riksbank.

myntkartan.se

If you want to deposit your coins in a bank account, you can make use of myntkartan.se. There are around 900 banks, bureaux de change and shops that accept coins.

If you still have old coins after 30 June, you have a further two months to deposit them in a bank account, until 31 August 2017. After that the coins will have no value.

Banknotes also become invalid

The older 100- and 500-krona banknotes will also become invalid after 30 June 2017.

Further information

Further information on the banknote and coin changeover can be found on the Riksbank's website, www.riksbank.se, under the heading Notes & coins.