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The upgraded MDL 500 banknote

The size and design elements of the upgraded banknote with the denomination of MDL 500, specimen of 2020 issue, are identical with those of the banknote with the denomination of MDL 500, specimen of 2015.

Features:

- **Size**: 66 x 133 mm;
- **Dominant colours**, front and back sides of the banknote: light green, orange and grey;
- **Printed on special paper**, with a watermark that shows the portrait of Ştefan cel Mare and the text "BNM", a metallized security thread embedded vertically in the paper and bi-fluorescent fibres.

Front side: The Coat of Arms of the Republic of Moldova, inscriptions "REPUBLICA MOLDOVA" and "ȘTEFAN CEL MARE", the portrait of Ştefan cel Mare, a national multi-coloured ornament, two vertical decorative elements, the central rosette, nominal value printed in figures and words, the abbreviation "BNM", the word "GUVERNATOR" and signature in facsimile of the governor of the National Bank, the circle wording "PE-UN PICIOR DE PLAI, PE-O GURA DE RAI...", victory token - "V", the year of banknote first issuance "2015", the banknote number and series, the inscription „FALSIFICAREA ACESTOR BILETE SE PEDEPSEŞTE CONFORM LEGILOR".

Back side: The graphic image of the Cathedral of Chișinău within a frame and under which the inscription „Chișinău. Catedrala", nominal value in figures and words, three vertical decorative elements, the Coat of Arms of Ştefan cel Mare, stylised image of the Column of Traian, Column of Infinity and between them a crescent moon, inscription „BANCA NAŢIONALĂ A MOLDOVEI" and the NBM logo.

Security features:

- **See-through printing feature**: If you hold the banknote against the light, the outline of the image of the sun on the front side and outline of the image of the crescent moon on the back side should coincide, as well as the circle of the sun and the circle within which the crescent moon is depicted. The letter "V" on the front side and the Column of Traian and the Infinite Column depicted on the back side of the banknote should create the silhouette of letter "M" (Moldova) when viewed through the transparency and held against light.
- **Watermark**: The watermark is placed on the right blank side of the banknote and represents the portrait of Ştefan cel Mare, directed towards the centre and the inscription "BNM", which become visible against the light.
- **Security thread**: The metallized security thread and the inscription "BNM" are embedded in the paper on the right side of the banknote, between the central rosette and the vertical decorative element, which produce a multicolour fluorescence (rainbow) if seen against the light.
- **Microlettering**: The microlettering „BANCA NAȚIONALĂ A MOLDOVEI" and „REPUBLICA MOLDOVA" are printed between two vertical decorative elements. The microlettering "BNM" and "CINCISUTELEI" are printed at the top and bottom of the area between two vertical decorative elements. The microlettering "BNM" is printed on the outline of the circle where the text „PE-UN PICIOR DE PLAI, PE-O GURA DE RAI..." is placed.
- **Raised print**: The portrait of Ştefan cel Mare, inscriptions „REPUBLICA MOLDOVA" and „ȘTEFAN CEL MARE" are raised printed on the front side of the banknote (with an embossed feel).
- **Blind embossing**: On the left front side of the central rosette, the figure "500" is blind embossed, which represents the nominal value of the banknote and on the right front side of the central rosette, the inscription "LEI" is blind embossed.
- **See-through printing feature**: On the blank right side of the banknote, the figure "500" is printed in the same place on the front and back side of the banknote, so that when viewed through transparency and held against light, the entire figure is seen.
- **Fluorescence under UV light**: On the blank right side of the banknote, a rectangle is placed, which becomes green if held under UV light. The inscription „BNM" and BNM logo are printed inside this rectangle. Three vertical decorative elements, a national multi-coloured ornament and a central rosette

on the front side of the banknote appear orange if held under UV light. The bi-fluorescent fibres will become green/ blue and yellow/ red if held under UV light.

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