

## Counterfeit Warning: KWD 20 (The 5<sup>th</sup> issue, 1994)

HSBC has noted the recent seizure of an unusually large number of counterfeit KWD 20 (The 5<sup>th</sup> issue) notes. HSBC suggests working with heightened vigilance when processing these notes.

### Comparison of Counterfeit Banknotes to Genuine

#### Genuine



#### Counterfeit 1– Green in color



#### Counterfeit 2– Light green in color















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The salient points for detecting counterfeit KWD 20 (The 5<sup>th</sup> issue) notes are presented below for your reference.

## Comparison of Counterfeit Banknotes to Genuine

	Genuine	Counterfeit 1	Counterfeit 2
<p><b>1) Printing</b></p> <p>The portrait on the counterfeit is lighter and duller than the genuine note. The lines are blurry and the overall print quality is inferior to the genuine note.</p>			
<p><b>2) Watermark</b></p> <p>The genuine watermark is multi-tonal and detailed, while the counterfeit version is flat without depth or varying degrees of shade.</p>			
<p><b>3) Windowed Security Thread</b></p> <p>When held against light, the windowed thread does not become a continuous solid vertical line.</p>			
<p><b>4) Hologram Foil Patch</b></p> <p>The hologram foil patch on counterfeit notes is of low quality. They are neither as colourful nor detailed as found on genuine notes.</p>			

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