



New 20-krone coin with the container ship Emma Mærsk

The container ship Emma Mærsk is the motif on the next coin in the ship series, which will be issued on 18 March 2011. It is expected to be minted in an edition of 0.8 million coins for ordinary circulation.

The first coin in the ship series was issued in April 2007, showing the Danish navy's surveillance vessel "Vædderen" (the Ram), which was just returning to Denmark after having circumnavigated the Earth with the scientific Galathea 3 Expedition. Since then, another seven coins have been issued in the series, most recently in November 2010. This makes the "Emma Mærsk" coin the ninth ship coin.

The series aims to depict a broad selection of Danish maritime history, with ships from different ages and for different purposes. Whenever possible, the name of the ship is shown on the coin. Consequently, the name "Emma Mærsk" can be seen on the new coin.

Shipping is still important to the Danish economy, and especially container ships play a prominent role in modern Danish shipping. So it was obvious to include a container ship in the series as a representative of the Danish merchant fleet in the 21st century.

About the Emma Mærsk

The Emma Mærsk is a state-of-the-art container ship and among the very largest in her class. She was launched at the end of 2006 and sails on a regular route between the Far

East and Europe through the Suez Canal. She sails approximately 170,000 nautical miles a year, corresponding to 7½ times around the world. When fully loaded, she holds 11,000 full 20-foot containers or 14,700 empty containers.

The artist behind the motif

The motif was designed by the sculptor Torben Ebbesen, who has chosen to show only the middle part of the ship. Torben Ebbesen describes his work with the motif on the website of the Royal Danish Mint. He has previously designed the "Nightingale" coin in the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale series and the "Selandia" coin, the third in the ship series.

On sale from 18 March 2011

The coin will be issued in ordinary circulation on 18 March 2011, and from the same day it will be on sale from selected banks and from the website of the Royal Danish Mint.

A proof version will also be issued for collectors. This quality is minted using extremely well-polished dies and with extra strokes, which provides a silky smooth, clearly embossed motif.

The price for the proof version, delivered in a box, will be DKK 125.00, including VAT. The proof version can only be purchased from Danmarks Nationalbank, Banking Services, or from www.royalmint.dk in the period from 18 to 23 March. Orders are limited to a maximum of three coins per customer.

Facts:

An embossing machine can strike approx. 700 coins per minute.

Coin blanks (metal discs) will be embossed with one stroke of approx. 80 tons.

Coins can be ordered from:

- www.royalmint.dk
- Royal Danish Mint – telephone (+45) 43 45 40 11
- Danmarks Nationalbank, Banking Services, Havnegade 5, 1093 Copenhagen K. Opening hours: Monday-Friday 10 am–1 pm.

