



Press Release

19th January 2012

New Swiss commemorative coins

The Federal Mint Swissmint is issuing the second coin in the series "Swiss customs" with the commemorative coin "Cow fighting". In addition, the last in the series on the subject of mountain railways depicts the motif "100 years of Jungfrau Railway". The two commemorative coins appear on 19th January.

Swiss customs are very much alive. Thousands of spectators watch the cow fights in the Canton of Valais with duelling cows from the Eringer (Hérens) race. The animals are used to fighting against their female rivals; it is part of their natural disposition in their struggle to secure a predominant place in the herd. The ritual has been a public celebration in the Canton of Valais since 1922. Regional queens are chosen during preliminary rounds. Successful cows qualify for the great finale in Aproz. That is where the Queen of Queens is chosen every year.

The Federal Mint Swissmint is dedicating a bimetallic coin in the series "Swiss customs" to this Valais custom known and enjoyed all over Switzerland. The commemorative coin has a face value of 10 Swiss francs. It was designed by the Valais graphic designer, artist and illustrator Dominique Studer and is available in the minting qualities "uncirculated" and "proof" in a presentation case. The current motif "Cow fighting" also supplements the Swiss circulation coins in the 2012 coin set.

Silver on the centenary of the Jungfrau Railway

The 1st August 1912 was a special day in the history of the Jungfrau Railway. At about midday, the first train, decorated and packed with invited guests, reached the Jungfrauoch. At an elevation of 3,454 metres above sea level, the station is the highest in Europe. Along the way, the Jungfrau Railway climbs almost 1,400 metres up from the Kleine Scheidegg.

The breathtaking track runs through a tunnel under the Eiger and the Mönch. The journey lasts around 50 minutes. In its 100 years of history, the Jungfrau Railway has transported millions of tourists to the middle of the UNESCO World Heritage of the

Swiss Jungfrau-Aletsch Alps and through a fascinating mountain world of rock, ice and snow.

The 20 Swiss franc silver coin "100 years of Jungfrau Railway" ends the "Mountain Railways" series comprising the "Vitznau-Rigi Railway" (2008), the "Brienz-Rothorn Railway" (2009), the "Bernina Railway" (2010) and the "Pilatus Railway" (2011). The coin was designed by Benno K. Zehnder and is available in the minting qualities "uncirculated" and "proof coin" in a presentation case.

Commemorative coins and current coin sets available with immediate effect

Swissmint will present the new products at the Basel Coin Fair (21./22.01.2012) and at the World Money Fair in Berlin (03. – 05.02.2012), where direct purchase is possible. The coins are also available from coin dealers, banks and at www.swissmint.ch. The Swiss Confederation uses the proceeds from the sale of the coins, the minting profit, to support cultural projects throughout Switzerland.

Texts and photo material

Texts and photo material are available for download at:

<http://www.swissmint.ch/en-latestnews-mediainformation-pressreleases.html>

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Factsheet

Bimetallic coin "Cow fighting"

"Swiss customs" series



Legend: "Cow fighting" continuing the series "Swiss customs"

<i>Effigy</i>	Cow fighting
<i>Artist</i>	Dominique Studer, St-Maurice
<i>Technical data</i>	Alloy: outer ring made of aluminium-bronze, core made of copper-nickel Weight: 15 g Diameter: 33 mm
<i>Legal face value</i>	10 Swiss francs
<i>Date of issue</i>	19 th January 2012
<i>Mintage</i>	Standard coinage, uncirculated: max. 94,000 coins Proof coin in presentation case: max. 12,000 coins
<i>Standard prices</i>	Standard coinage: CHF 15.- Proof: CHF 40.-
<i>Sale</i>	Coin dealers, banks and online at www.swissmint.ch
<i>Coined and issued by</i>	Federal Mint Swissmint CH-3003 Bern www.swissmint.ch

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Silver coin "100 years of Jungfrau Railway"

"Mountain Railways" series



Legend: The last in the "Mountain Railways" series: "100 years of Jungfrau Railway"

<i>Effigy</i>	100 years of Jungfrau Railway
<i>Artist</i>	Benno K. Zehnder, Gelfingen
<i>Technical data</i>	Alloy: Silver 0.835 Weight: 20 g Diameter: 33 mm
<i>Legal face value</i>	20 Swiss francs
<i>Date of issue</i>	19 th January 2012
<i>Mintage</i>	Standard coinage, uncirculated: max. 50,000 coins Proof coin in presentation case: max. 7,000 coins
<i>Standard prices</i>	Standard coinage: CHF 25.- Proof: CHF 55.-
<i>Sale</i>	Coin dealers, banks and online at www.swissmint.ch
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