



BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

DETERMINING THE SPECIFICATIONS AND DESIGN FOR
FIVE-POUND COINS COMMEMORATING
OUR SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY

Whereas under section 3(1)(a), (b), (c), (cc), (d), (dd) and (ff) of the Coinage Act 1971 We have power, with the advice of Our Privy Council, by Proclamation to determine the denomination, design, dimensions, weight, fineness and composition of coins to be made at Our Mint, to determine the remedy to be allowed in the making of such coins and the percentage of impurities which they may contain and to direct that any coin shall be legal tender for payment of any amount:

And Whereas it appears to Us desirable to order that, to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of Our Birth, there should be made at Our Mint in gold, in silver and in cupro-nickel coins of the denomination of five pounds:

We, therefore, in pursuance of the said section 3(1)(a), (b), (c), (cc), (d), (dd) and (ff) and of all other powers enabling Us in that behalf, do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, proclaim, direct and ordain as follows:

THE GOLD COIN

1. A new coin of gold of the denomination of five pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard diameter of 38.608 millimetres, and being circular in shape.

THE SILVER COIN

2. (1) A new coin of silver of the denomination of five pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 28.2759 grammes, a standard diameter of 38.608 millimetres, and a standard composition of thirty-seven fortieths fine silver and three fortieths alloy, or millesimal fineness 925, and being circular in shape.

(2) In the making of the said silver coin a remedy (that is, a variation from the standard weight, diameter or composition specified above) shall be allowed of an amount not exceeding the following, that is to say:

- (a) a variation from the said standard weight of an amount per coin (measured as the average of a sample of not more than one kilogramme of the coin) of 0.1296 grammes;
- (b) a variation from the said standard diameter of 0.125 millimetres per coin; and
- (c) a variation from the said millesimal fineness of five per mille.

(3) The said silver coin shall be legal tender for payment of any amount in any part of Our United Kingdom.

THE CUPRO-NICKEL COIN

3. (1) A new coin of cupro-nickel of the denomination of five pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 28.2759 grammes, a standard diameter of 38.608 millimetres, and a standard composition of seventy-five per centum copper and twenty-five per centum nickel, and being circular in shape.

(2) In the making of the said cupro-nickel coin a remedy (that is, a variation from the standard weight, diameter or composition specified above) shall be allowed of an amount not exceeding the following, that is to say:

- (a) a variation from the said standard weight of an amount per coin (measured as the average of a sample of not more than one kilogramme of the coin) of 0.1296 grammes;
- (b) a variation from the said standard diameter of 0.125 millimetres per coin; and
- (c) a variation from the said standard composition of two per centum.

(3) The said cupro-nickel coin shall be legal tender for payment of any amount in any part of Our United Kingdom.

DESIGN FOR THE COINS

4. The design for the said gold, silver and cupro-nickel coins shall be as follows:

For the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "ELIZABETH.II.DEL.GRATIA.REGINA.F.D" and the words "FIVE POUNDS", and for the reverse a representation of Windsor Castle, with five flag-poles, in front and above, from which fly a forked pennant bearing the date of the year "1926", Our Royal Arms in banner form roped and tassled, the Union Flag, Our Personal Flag, and a forked pennant bearing the date of the year "1996". The coins shall have a plain edge and in incuse letters the inscription "VIVAT REGINA ELIZABETHA".

5. This Proclamation shall come into force on the twenty-fourth day of November One thousand nine hundred and ninety-five.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this twenty-third day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and ninety-five and in the forty-fourth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN