

BY THE KING

A PROCLAMATION

DETERMINING THE SPECIFICATIONS AND DESIGNS FOR A NEW COIN OF TWO POUND IN GOLD; A NEW SERIES OF TWO POUND AND FIFTY PENCE COINS IN STANDARD SILVER; A NEW COIN OF TWO POUND COIN IN SILVER PIEDFORT; AND A NEW SERIES OF TWO POUND AND FIFTY PENCE COINS IN CUPRO-NICKEL AND NICKEL-BRASS

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Whereas under section 3(1)(a), (b), (cc), (cd), (d) and (dd) of the Coinage Act 1971 We have power, with the advice of Our Privy Council, by Proclamation to determine the denomination, the design and dimensions of coins to be made at Our Mint, to determine the weight and fineness of certain gold and silver coins, the remedy to be allowed in the making of such coins and for gold coins their least current weight, and to determine the weight and composition of coins other than gold coins or coins of silver of Our Maundy money, and the remedy to be allowed in the making of such coins, to provide for the manner of measurement of the variation from the standard weight of coins, and to determine the percentage of impurities which such coins may contain:

And Whereas under section 3(1)(f) and (ff) of the Coinage Act 1971 We have power, with the advice of Our Privy Council, by Proclamation to direct that coins made at Our Mint other than gold, silver, cupro-nickel and bronze coins shall be current and that any coin shall be legal tender for the payment of any amount:

And Whereas under section 6(2) of the Coinage Act 1971 We have power, with the advice of Our Privy Council, by Proclamation to prescribe the composition of the standard trial plates to be used for determining the justness of coins of any metal other than gold, silver or cupro-nickel:

And Whereas it appears to Us desirable to order that there should be made at Our Mint a new series of coins of the denomination of two pounds in gold; of the denominations of two pounds and fifty pence in standard silver; of the denomination of two pounds in silver piedfort; and of the denominations of two pounds and fifty pence in cupro-nickel and nickel-brass:

We, therefore, in pursuance of the said section 3(1)(a), (b), (cc), (cd), (d), (dd), (f) and (ff), the said section 6(2), 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:

TWO POUND GOLD COIN

1. (1) A new coin of gold of the denomination of two pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard diameter of 28.4 millimetres, being circular in shape and having joined concentric inner and outer sections.

(2) Without prejudice to section 1(2) of the Coinage Act 1971, the inner and outer sections may consist of different alloys.

(3) The approximate diameter of the inner section shall be 20 millimetres.

(4) The variation from the standard weight will be measured as the average of a sample of not more than one kilogram of the coin.

(5) The design of the said gold coin shall be as follows:

'For the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "· CHARLES III · D · G · REX · F · D · 2 POUNDS ·" and the date of the year, and for the reverse a depiction of the British steam locomotive LNER Class A4 4468 Mallard accompanied by the inscription "MALLARD NO.4468". The coins shall have a plain edge and in incuse letters the inscription "· LNER A4 PACIFIC CLASS 4468".'

TWO POUND STANDARD SILVER COIN

2. (1) A new coin of silver of the denomination of two pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 12 grammes, a standard diameter of 28.4 millimetres, a standard composition (excluding the gold plate) of not less than 925 parts per thousand fine silver, being circular in shape, and having joined concentric inner and outer sections, the outer section being plated with fine gold.

(2) In the making of the said silver coin a remedy (that is, a variation from the standard weight, or diameter 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 of 0.252 grammes for the inner and outer sections; and

(b) a variation from the said standard diameter of 0.125 millimetres per coin.

(3) The variation from the standard weight will be measured as the average of a sample of not more than one kilogram of the coin.

(4) The approximate diameter of the inner section shall be 20 millimetres.

(5) The design of the said silver coin shall be as follows:

'For the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "· CHARLES III · D · G · REX · F · D · 2 POUNDS ·" and the date of the year, and for the reverse a depiction of the British steam locomotive LNER Class A4 4468 Mallard accompanied by the inscription "MALLARD NO.4468". The coins shall have a grained edge and in incuse letters the inscription "· LNER A4 PACIFIC CLASS 4468".'

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

FIFTY PENCE STANDARD SILVER COIN

3. (1) A new coin of silver of the denomination of fifty pence shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 8 grammes, a standard diameter of 27.3 millimetres, a standard composition of 925 parts per thousand fine silver, and being in the shape of an equilateral curve heptagon.

(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 of 0.196 grammes;

(b) a variation from the said standard diameter of 0.125 millimetres per coin and

(c) a variation from the said composition of five parts per thousand standard silver.

(3) The variation from the standard weight will be measured as the average of a sample of not more than one kilogram of the coin.

(4) The design of the said silver coin shall be as follows:

'For the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "· CHARLES III · D · G · REX · F · D · 50 PENCE ·" and the date of the year, and for the reverse a depiction of a bowler mid-delivery alongside the inscription "150 YEARS OF TEST CRICKET 1877 - 2027". The coin shall have a plain edge.'

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

TWO POUND SILVER PIEDFORT COIN

4. (1) A new coin of silver piedfort of the denomination of two pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 24 grammes, a standard diameter of 28.4 millimetres, a standard composition (excluding the gold plate) of not less than 925 parts per thousand fine silver, being circular in shape, and having joined concentric inner and outer sections, the outer section being plated with fine gold.

(2) In the making of the said silver piedfort coin a remedy (that is, a variation from the standard weight, or diameter 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 of 0.36 grammes for the inner and outer sections; and

(b) a variation from the said standard diameter of 0.125 millimetres per coin.

(3) The variation from the standard weight will be measured as the average of a sample of not more than one kilogram of the coin.

(4) The approximate diameter of the inner section shall be 20 millimetres.

(5) The design of the said silver piedfort coin shall be as follows:

'For the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "· CHARLES III · D · G · REX · F · D · 2 POUNDS ·" and the date of the year, and for the reverse a depiction of the British steam locomotive LNER Class A4 4468 Mallard accompanied by the inscription "MALLARD NO.4468". The coins shall have a grained edge and in incuse letters the inscription "· LNER A4 PACIFIC CLASS 4468" save for the gold coin where the incuse letters shall be accompanied by a plain edge.'

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

TWO POUND CUPRO-NICKEL AND NICKEL-BRASS COIN

5. (1) A new coin of cupro-nickel and nickel-brass of the denomination of two pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 12 grammes, a standard diameter of 28.4 millimetres, being circular in shape and having joined concentric inner and outer sections, with a standard composition as to the inner section of seventy-five per centum copper and twenty-five per centum nickel, and as to the outer section of seventy-six per centum copper, four per centum nickel and twenty per centum zinc.

(2) In the making of the said cupro-nickel and nickel-brass 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 of 0.504 grammes for the inner and outer sections;

(b) a variation from the said standard diameter of 0.125 millimetres per coin; and

(c) a variation from the said standard composition as to the inner section of two per centum copper and two per centum nickel, and as to the outer section of two per centum copper, three-quarters of one per centum nickel and two per centum zinc.

(3) The approximate diameter of the inner section shall be 20 millimetres.

(4) The inner and outer sections of the said coin may contain impurities of three-quarters of one per centum.

(5) The variation from the standard weight will be measured as the average of a sample of not more than one kilogram of the coin.

(6) The composition of the standard trial plates to be used for determining the justness of the nickel-brass outer section of the said coin shall be pure copper, pure nickel and pure zinc.

(7) The design of the said cupro-nickel coin shall be as follows:

'For the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "· CHARLES III · D · G · REX · F · D · 2 POUNDS ·" and the date of the year, and for the reverse a depiction of the British steam locomotive LNER Class A4 4468 Mallard accompanied by the inscription "MALLARD NO.4468". The coins shall have a grained edge and in incuse letters the inscription "· LNER A4 PACIFIC CLASS 4468".'

(8) The said cupro-nickel and nickel-brass coin shall be current and shall be legal tender for the payment of any amount in any part of Our United Kingdom.

FIFTY PENCE CUPRO-NICKEL COIN

6. (1) A new coin of cupro-nickel of the denomination of fifty pence shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 8 grammes, a standard diameter of 27.3 millimetres, a standard composition of seventy-five per centum copper and twenty-five per centum nickel, and being in the shape of an equilateral curve heptagon.

(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 of 0.336 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 copper and two per centum nickel.

(3) The said cupro-nickel coin may contain impurities of three-quarters of one per centum.

(4) The variation from the standard weight will be measured as the average of a sample of not more than one kilogram of the coin.

(5) The design of the said cupro-nickel coin shall be as follows:

'For the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "· CHARLES III · D · G · REX · F · D · 50 PENCE ·" and the date of the year, and for the reverse a depiction of a bowler mid-delivery alongside the inscription "150 YEARS OF TEST CRICKET 1877 - 2027". The coin shall have a plain edge.'

(6) The said cupro-nickel coin shall be legal tender for the payment of any amount not exceeding ten pounds in any part of Our United Kingdom.

7. This Proclamation shall come into force on the twelfth day of November Two thousand and twenty six.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace this eleventh day of November in the year of Our Lord Two thousand and twenty six and in the fifth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING