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A PROCLAMATION

Determining the specifications and design for two pence and one penny coins

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Whereas under section 3(1)(a), (b), (cc), (d) and (dd) of the Coinage Act 1971, We have power, with the advice of Our Privy Council, to determine the denomination, design, dimensions, weight 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 they 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, to direct that coins other than of gold, silver, cupro-nickel and bronze shall be current and that any coin shall be legal tender for payment of any amount not exceeding such amount as may be specified:

And Whereas it appears to Us desirable to order that there should be made at Our Mint in mild steel coated with copper, new coins of the denominations of two pence and one penny:

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

1. (1) A new coin of mild steel coated with copper of the denomination of two pence shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 7.128 grammes, a standard diameter of 25.91 millimetres, and a standard composition of ninety-three per centum mild steel and seven per centum copper, and being circular in shape.

(2) In the making of the said mild steel coin a remedy (that is, a variation from the standard weight, diameter and 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 an average of a sample of not less than 100 coins but not more than one kilogramme of the coin) of 0.2 grammes;
- (b) a variation from the said standard diameter of 0.125 millimetres per coin;
- (c) a variation from the said standard composition of an amount per coin (measured as an average of a sample of not less than 100 coins but not more than one kilogramme of the coin) of three per centum of the coin as mild steel and three per centum of the coin as copper.

(3) Impurities may be present in the copper coating to the said mild steel coin in an amount not exceeding 0.5 of one per centum of the said copper coating (and, in respect of any coin, any such impurities shall be treated as copper for the purposes of subparagraph (2)(c) above).

2. The design of the said two pence coin shall be as follows:

For the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "ELIZABETH II D.G.REG.F.D." and the date of the year, and for the reverse the badge of the Prince of Wales, being three ostrich feathers enfiling a coronet of crosses pattee and fleurs de lys with the motto "ICH DIEN", the figure "2" and the words "TWO PENCE". Every coin shall have a plain edge.

3. The said new two pence coin shall be current and be legal tender for payment of any amount not exceeding twenty pence in any part of Our United Kingdom.

4. (1) A new coin of mild steel coated with copper of the denomination of one penny shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 3.564 grammes, a standard diameter of 20.32 millimetres, and a standard composition of ninety-one per centum mild steel and nine per centum copper and being circular in shape.

(2) In the making of the said mild steel coin a remedy (that is, variation from the standard weight, diameter and 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 an average of a sample of not less than 100 coins but not more than one kilogramme of the coin) of 0.1 grammes;
- (b) a variation from the said standard diameter of 0.125 millimetres per coin;
- (c) a variation from the said standard composition of an amount per coin (measured as an average of a sample of not less than 100 coins but not more than one kilogramme of the coin) of four per centum of the coin as mild steel and four per centum of the coin as copper.

(3) Impurities may be present in the copper coating to the said mild steel coin in an amount not exceeding 0.5 of one per centum of the said copper coating (and, in respect of any coin, any such impurities shall be treated as copper for the purposes of subparagraph (2)(c) above).

5. The design of the said one penny coin shall be as follows:

For the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "ELIZABETH II D.G.REG.F.D." and the date of the year, and for the reverse a portcullis with chains royally crowned,