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BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

DETERMINING THE SPECIFICATIONS AND
DESIGN FOR FIVE-POUND COINS COMMEMORATING
THE FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY OF
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES

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Whereas under section 3(1)(a), (b), (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, and to determine the remedy to be allowed in the making of such coins 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 fiftieth birthday of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, 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), (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 -

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

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 the payment of any amount in any part of Our United Kingdom

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 the payment of any amount in any part of Our United Kingdom

DESIGN OF THE COINS

4 The design of the said coins 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 effigy of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, a ribbon on which appear the words "THE PRINCE'S TRUST" and "HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE TO SUCCEED", in the background, words relating to the work of The Prince's Trust, and, around, the circumscriptations "FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY OF H R H THE PRINCE OF WALES" and "FIVE POUNDS" flanked by the anniversary dates "1948" and "1998" The coins shall have a graining on the edge