

5 This Proclamation shall come into force on the eighteenth day of December One thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven

Given at our Court at Buckingham Palace, this seventeenth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and ninety seven and in the forty-sixth year of our Reign

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

(1 SI)

BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

ALTERING THE PROCLAMATION OF THE  
4th OCTOBER 1953  
DETERMINING A NEW INSCRIPTION FOR GOLD COINS,  
REVOKING THE PROCLAMATION OF THE  
17th APRIL 1985,  
AND ALTERING THE PROCLAMATION  
OF THE 19th DECEMBER 1996 DETERMINING  
A NEW INSCRIPTION FOR TWO-POUND COINS

ELIZABETH R

Whereas under section 3(1)(b) and (h) of the Coinage Act 1971 We have power, with the advice of Our Privy Council, by Proclamation to determine the design of any coin to be made at Our Mint and to alter any Proclamation previously made under the said section

And Whereas by Our Proclamation dated the fourth day of October 1953 We determined new designs for gold, silver, cupro-nickel, mixed metal and bronze coins

And Whereas by Our Proclamation dated the seventeenth day of April 1985 We altered Our Proclamation of the fourth day of October 1953 and determined a new inscription for gold coins specified in the said Proclamation, being the five-pound piece, the two-pound piece, the sovereign and the half-sovereign

And Whereas by Our Proclamation dated the nineteenth day of December 1996 We determined the specification and design of two-pound coins

We, therefore, in pursuance of the said section 3(1)(b) and (h) 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 The following paragraph shall be substituted for the paragraph headed "GOLD COINS" of Our said Proclamation of the fourth day of October 1953 -

GOLD COINS

"(1) Five-Pound Piece—Every five-pound piece shall have for the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "ELIZABETH II DEI GRA REGINA FID DEF" and for the reverse the image of Saint George armed, sitting on horseback, attacking the dragon with a sword, and a broken spear upon the ground, and the date of the year The coin shall have a graining upon the edge

(2) Two-Pound Piece—Every two-pound piece shall have the same obverse and reverse impression and inscription in all respects as the five-pound piece The coin shall have a graining upon the edge

(3) Sovereign—Every sovereign shall have the same obverse and reverse impression and inscription in all respects as the five-pound piece The coin shall have a graining upon the edge

(4) Half-sovereign—Every half-sovereign shall have the same obverse and reverse impression and inscription in all respects as the five-pound piece The coin shall have a graining upon the edge"

- 2 Our said Proclamation of the seventeenth day of April 1985 is hereby revoked
- 3 The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph 5 of Our said Proclamation of the nineteenth day of December 1996 -

"5 The design of the said new coins shall be as follows -

For the obverse impression Our effigy encircled by the inscription "ELIZABETH II DEI GRA REG FID DEF" and for the reverse a design in four concentric circles representing stages in technological development from the Iron Age to the modern computer, with the words "TWO POUNDS" above and the date of the year The coins shall have a graining upon the edge and all save the gold coin shall have in incuse letters the inscription "STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS" "

4 This Proclamation shall come into force on the eighteenth day of December One thousand nine hundred and ninety seven

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this seventeenth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and ninety seven and in the forty-sixth year of Our Reign

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

(2 SI)

BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

DETERMINING THE SPECIFICATIONS AND DESIGN  
FOR FIFTY PENCE COINS COMMEMORATING  
THE UNITED KINGDOM'S PRESIDENCY OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE  
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE UNITED KINGDOM'S ACCESSION  
TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

ELIZABETH R

Whereas under section 3(1)(a), (b), (c), (cc), (d) and (dd) 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 their least current weight

And Whereas it appears to Us desirable to order that, to commemorate the United Kingdom's Presidency of the European Union and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Kingdom's Accession to the European Economic Community, there should be made at Our Mint in gold, in silver and in cupro-nickel, new coins of the denomination of fifty pence

We, therefore, in pursuance of the said section 3(1)(a), (b), (c), (cc), (d) and (dd) 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 (1) A new coin of gold of the denomination of fifty pence shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 15.5 grammes, a standard diameter of 27.3 millimetres, and a standard composition of eleven-twelfths fine gold and one-twelfth alloy, and being in the shape of an equilateral curve heptagon
- (2) In the making of the said gold coin a remedy (that is, a variation from the standard weight 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 0.065 grammes, and
  - (b) a variation from the said standard composition of two per mille
- (3) The least current weight of the said gold coin shall be 15.4 grammes

SILVER COINS

- 2 (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, and a standard composition of thirty-seven-fortieths fine silver and three-fortieths alloy, or millesimal fineness 925, 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 fineness 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 0.075 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 (1) A new coin of silver of the denomination of fifty pence shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 16 grammes, a standard diameter of 27.3 millimetres, and a standard composition of thirty-seven-fortieths fine silver and three-fortieths alloy, or millesimal fineness 925, and being in the shape of an equilateral curve heptagon