

(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 0.095 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

#### CUPRO-NICKEL COIN

- 4 (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, and 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 (measured as the average of a sample of not more than one kilogramme of the coin) of 0.045 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

#### DESIGN OF THE COINS

- 5 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 a celebratory arrangement of stars with the letters "EU" between the anniversary dates "1973" and "1998" and, below, the value "50 PENCE" The coins shall have a plain edge
  - 6 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

*At the Court at Buckingham Palace*

THE 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 1997

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY  
IN COUNCIL

It is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council that the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain do cause the Great Seal of the Realm to be affixed to the Proclamations of this day's date

1 determining the specifications and design for five-pound coins commemorating the fiftieth birthday of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales,

2 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,

3 altering the Proclamation of the 4th October 1953 determining a new inscription for gold coins, revoking the Proclamation of the 17th April 1985 altering the said Proclamation of 1953, and altering the Proclamation of the 19th December 1996 determining a new inscription for two-pound coins

(3 S1)

*N H Nicholls*

Clarence House  
London  
SW1

3rd February 1998

QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER, has been graciously pleased to approve the following changes in Her Majesty's Household

*To be Treasurer and Extra Equerry*

The Honourable Nicholas Assheton in the Room of Major Sir Ralph Hugo Anstruther, Bt, GCVO, MC who relinquishes the appointment upon his retirement

*Treasurer Emeritus*

Major Sir Ralph Hugo Anstruther, Bt, GCVO, MC

*Page of Honour*

Harry Bengough in the Room of the Honourable Thomas Henry Lumley, who relinquishes the appointment having reached the age limit for retirement

The appointments to date from 1st February 1998 (7 S1)

## HOME OFFICE

Queen Anne's Gate,  
London SW1H 9AT

THE QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date 16th January 1998, to appoint David Charles Ross Heyhoe Esq and John Fraser Esq OBE to be members of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for a period of three years commencing on and from 1st January 1998

(30 S1)

## WELSH OFFICE

Y SWYDDFA GYMREIG

*The A483 Trunk Road (Welshpool Bypass, Welshpool, Powys)  
(Prohibition of U-turns) Order 1998*

Notice is hereby given that on 23rd January 1998, the Secretary of State made the above Order which will come into operation on 9th February 1998. The effects are as stated in notice 500 in *The London Gazette* No 54984 dated 19th December 1997.

Anyone wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any of its provisions on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant section of the Act or that any requirement of that Act or any Instrument made under it has not been complied with may, within 6 weeks of 6th February 1998, apply to the High Court for this purpose.

A copy of the Order and plan may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Powys County Council, Area Office, Clive House, Neuadd Maldwyn, Severn Road, Welshpool (492)

*The A483 and A458 Trunk Roads (Sarn-Y-Bryn Caled Junction Welshpool Bypass, Welshpool Powys) (40 m p h Speed Limit) Order 1998*

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