

(b) a gold-plated figure of Britannia standing upon a rock in the sea, her right hand grasping a trident and her left hand resting on a shield and holding an olive branch, with the word “. BRITANNIA .”, the inscription “. . ONE . . OUNCE . FINE . SILVER .” and the date of the year;

(c) a gold-plated figure of Britannia, as guardian, with a shield in her left hand and a trident in her right hand, accompanied by a lion and, against the background of a wave motif, the inscription “ONE OUNCE FINE SILVER” to the left and the word “BRITANNIA” and the date of the year to the right;

(d) a gold-plated helmeted head of Britannia with, to the left, the word “BRITANNIA” and, to the right, the inscription “ONE OUNCE FINE SILVER” and the date of the year, the whole being overlaid with a wave pattern; or

(e) a gold-plated seated figure of Britannia facing to the left holding a trident with a shield at her side, with the word “BRITANNIA”, the inscription “ONE OUNCE FINE SILVER” and the date of the year.

The coin shall have a milling on the edge which shall be plated with gold, and the outer rim of the obverse and reverse shall also be plated with gold’.

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

2. This Proclamation shall come into force on the thirteenth day of October Two thousand and five.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this twelfth day of October in the year of Our Lord Two thousand and five and in the fifty-fourth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN (1007)

BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

DETERMINING THE SPECIFICATIONS AND DESIGN FOR A FIVE-POUND COIN TO COMMEMORATE THE TWO-HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF LORD NELSON

ELIZABETH R.

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, by Proclamation to determine the denomination, design and dimensions of coins to be made at Our Mint, 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 making such 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 other metal than gold, silver or cupro-nickel:

And Whereas it appears to Us desirable to order that, to commemorate the two-hundredth anniversary of the Death of Lord Nelson, there should be made at Our Mint a coin of the denomination of five pounds in platinum:

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

PLATINUM PIEDFORT COIN

1. (1) A new coin of platinum of the denomination of five pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 94.2 grammes, and a standard diameter of 38.608 millimetres, and being circular in shape.

(2) In the making of the said platinum 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 (measured as the average of a sample of not more than one kilogramme of the coin) of 0.8 grammes; and

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

(3) The said platinum coin may contain impurities of 0.3 of one per centum.

(4) The said platinum coin shall be current and shall be legal tender for the payment of any amount in any part of Our United Kingdom.

(5) The composition of the standard trial plates to be used for determining the justness of the said platinum coin shall be pure platinum.

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

‘For the obverse impression a representation of Our effigy with the inscription “ELIZABETH . II . D . G . REG . F . D” and the denomination “FIVE POUNDS” and for the reverse a portrait of Lord Nelson in the uniform of a Vice Admiral accompanied by the inscription “HORATIO NELSON” and the dates “1805” and “2005”. The coin will have a plain edge and in incuse letters the inscription “ENGLAND EXPECTS THAT EVERY MAN WILL DO HIS DUTY”’.

3. This Proclamation shall come into force on the thirteenth day of October Two thousand and five.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this twelfth day of October in the year of Our Lord Two thousand and five and in the fifty-fourth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN (1008)

BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

DETERMINING THE SPECIFICATIONS AND DESIGN FOR FIFTY PENCE COINS COMMEMORATING THE ONE-HUNDRED-AND-FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTITUTION OF THE VICTORIA CROSS

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 and dimensions of coins to be made at Our Mint, to determine the weight and fineness of certain gold coins, the remedy to be allowed in the making of such coins and 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 and to determine the percentage of impurities which such coins may contain:

And Whereas it appears to Us desirable to order that, to commemorate the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the institution of the Victoria Cross, there should be made at Our Mint coins of the denomination of fifty pence in gold, in silver and in cupro-nickel:

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 of millesimal fineness 916.666, 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, 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 0.065 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 two per mille.

(3) The least current weight of the said gold coin shall be 15.4 grammes.

STANDARD SILVER COIN

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, 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 (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