(c) a variation from the said standard composition of five parts per thousand fine silver.

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

SILVER PIEDFORT COIN

3. (1) A new coin of silver of the denomination of five pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 56.552 grammes, a standard diameter of 38.608 millimetres, a standard composition of 925 parts per thousand fine silver, 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 0.215 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 five parts per thousand fine silver.

(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

4. (1) A new coin of cupro-nickel of the denomination of five pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 28.276 grammes, a standard diameter of 38.608 millimetres, 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 0.13 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 copper and two per centum nickel.

(3) The said cupro-nickel coin may contain impurities of three-quarters of one per centum.

(4) 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

5. The design of the said coins shall be as follows:

'For the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "ELIZABETH \cdot II \cdot D \cdot G REG \cdot F \cdot D \cdot " and the denomination "FIVE POUNDS", and for the reverse a depiction of two swimmers as faceted figures, accompanied by the number "3", with a section of a clock-face to the right and the London 2012 logo to the left. On the gold and silver coins the London 2012 logo will be printed onto the surface in coloured ink, while on the cupro-nickel coin the logo will be struck into the surface. The reverse design is surrounded by a plan view of the main Olympic Stadium, incorporating the date "2009" on the right-hand side, with the word "COUNTDOWN" above and the inscription "XXX OLYMPIAD" below. The said coins will have a graining upon the edge'

6. This Proclamation shall come into force on the nineteenth day of March Two thousand and nine.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord Two thousand and nine and in the fifty-eighth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

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Privy Council Office APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFFS

At the Court at Buckingham Palace THE 18th DAY OF MARCH 2009 PRESENT.

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL High Sheriffs appointed by Her Majesty in Council for the year 2009

ENGLAND

(Except Cornwall, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Lancashire) BEDFORDSHIRE Mrs Cynthia Mary Gresham. BERKSHIRE Dr Christina Bernadette Thérèse Hill Williams. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE Mr Allan Thomas Westray. CAMBRIDGESHIRE The Lady De Ramsey. Mr William Gordon Fergusson. CHESHIRE CITY OF BRISTOL Dr Timothy Lachlan Chambers. CUMBRIA Mrs Elizabeth Honor Susan Thornely. DERBYSHIRE Sir Henry John Michael Every Bt. DEVON Mr Edward David Fursdon. DORSET Mrs Victoria Mary McDonaugh. DURHAM Mr Alasdair MacConachie OBE. EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE Mr Patrick William Farnsworth. EAST SUSSEX Mr William Thomas Cornelius Shelford. ESSEX Mr Rupert Seymour Gosling. GLOUCESTERSHIRE Mrs Anne Chambers. GREATER LONDON Mr Andrew Vladimir Rhydwen Morgan. HAMPSHIRE Dr Clare Virginia Bartlett. HEREFORDSHIRE The Hon. Gilbert Greenall CBE. HERTFORDSHIRE Mrs Jane Wentworth-Stanley. Mrs Gabrielle Anne Lynam Edwards. ISLE OF WIGHT KENT Mrs Jane Margaret Rogers LEICESTERSHIRE LINCOLNSHIRE NORFOLK NORTHAMPTONSHIRE Mrs Susan Deirdre Fenwick. NORTHUMBERLAND NORTH YORKSHIRE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE Mrs Francesca Ann Horsfield. Mr John Michael Rowen. OXFORDSHIRE Mr Charles Richard Dick. RUTLAND Mrs Elizabeth Anne Mills. SHROPSHIRE Mrs Anna Turner. SOMERSET Mr John Alvis MBE. SOUTH YORKSHIRE Mrs Helena Muller. STAFFORDSHIRE SUFFOLK Mr James Kennedy Buckle. Lady Elizabeth Toulson CBE. SURREY TYNE AND WEAR Mr Gavin MacFarlane Black. WARWICKSHIRE The Lady Kilmaine. WEST MIDLANDS Mr Paul Bassi. WEST SUSSEX Mr Simon Fairfax Knight. WEST YORKSHIRE Mr Jeremy John Burton.

WILTSHIRF. WORCESTERSHIRE

WALES

CLWYD DYFED GWENT GWYNEDD MID GLAMORGAN POWYS SOUTH GLAMORGAN WEST GLAMORGAN

Mr Henry Geoffrey Robertson. Mr Gareth Rowlands. Mr Stephen James Brindley Hughes. Mr Trevor Norman Corbett. Mr John Anthony Tal-Williams MBE. Mr David Thomas Marner Lloyd. Professor Anthony James Hazell. Dr Ronald Bryn John.

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At the Court at Buckingham Palace

THE 18th DAY OF MARCH 2009 PRESENT.

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL

The Diplomatic Service Order in Council 1991 ("the 1991 Order") makes provision relating to the appointments of persons to situations in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service ("the Service") and for regulating the conditions of service therein.

It is desirable to amend the 1991 Order to provide for the adoption of recruitment principles applicable for the purpose of the requirement that selection for appointment to situations in the Service be on merit on the basis of fair and open competition.

Her Majesty is therefore pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order as follows-

Amendments

1. -(1) The 1991 Order is amended as follows.

(2) In article 2(2) for "listed in paragraphs 2 and 3" substitute "listed in paragraph 2 or excepted under paragraph 3".

(3) Article 2(2A) is revoked.

(4) In article 4(2)-

Mr Maurice Nicholas Beech Thompson. The Lady Sarah McCorquodale. Mr Robert George Russell Carter. Mr John Hamilton Blackett-Ord. Mr Richard Byrd Levett Haszard. Mr Robert Charles Floyd. The Hon. Gilbert Greenall CBE.