

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.
 - (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

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A PROCLAMATION

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

Elizabeth R.

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