

*Standards Department, Board of Trade,
No. 7, Old Palace Yard, Westminster, April 11, 1871.*

REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRADE RELATING TO STANDARD WEIGHTS FOR COIN.
ACT 33 VICT., C. 10.

WHEREAS under the provisions contained in section 17 of the Coinage Act, 1870, 33 Vict., c. 10, the following Standard Weights of each Coin of the Realm, now in the Standard Weights and Measures Department of the Board of Trade, have been declared by Her Majesty in Council, on the 9th day of August, 1870, to be legal secondary standards for determining the justness of the weight of, and for weighing, such coins of the Realm, and such Order in Council has been duly published in the London Gazette of the 28th March, 1871; viz. :—

STANDARD WEIGHTS FOR COIN. ACT 33 VICT., C. 10.

Denomination of Coin.	Standard Weight.		Least Current Weight.	
	Imperial Weight.	Metric Weight.	Imperial Weight.	Metric Weight.
	Grains.	Grams.	Grains.	Grams.
GOLD :				
Five Pound	616·37239	39·94028	612·50000	39·68935
Two Pound	246·54895	15·97611	245·00000	15·87574
Sovereign	123·27447	7·98805	122·50000	7·93787
Half Sovereign	61·63723	3·99402	61·12500	3·96083
SILVER :				
Crown	436·36363	28·27590	—	—
Half Crown	218·18181	14·13795	—	—
Florin	174·54545	11·31036	—	—
Shilling	87·27272	5·65518	—	—
Sixpence	43·63636	2·82759	—	—
Groat or Fourpence	29·09090	1·88506	—	—
Threepence	21·81818	1·41379	—	—
Twopence	14·54545	0·94253	—	—
Penny	7·27272	0·47126	—	—
BRONZE :				
Penny	145·83333	9·44984	—	—
Halfpenny	87·50000	5·66990	—	—
Farthing	43·75000	2·83495	—	—

In pursuance of the said Act, the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade hereby give notice, that copies of all such standard weights may be compared and duly verified, if found to be just within the amount of error allowed by Her Majesty's Order in Council, dated 24th March, 1871, and published in the London Gazette on 28th March, 1871, upon such copies being delivered for comparison and verification at the Standards Department of the Board of Trade, No. 7, Old Palace-yard, Westminster, and the printed form of requisition for the comparison and verification in the books of the Department being duly filled up and signed by the person by whom such copies shall be delivered.

The official mark of verification of all such copies as shall have been previously marked with the denomination as shown above, shall be a Crown with the initials of the Sovereign underneath it, together with a Portcullis.

The fee to be paid for every such comparison and verification of a complete set of copies of the Standard Weights for Coin shall be five shillings, and for a lesser number sixpence for each weight, so that no more than five shillings be payable for any lesser number than a complete set. But no fee shall be payable for comparing and verifying any such copies of the Standard Weights for Coin for the Mint or other Public Department.

And whereas, up to the time of the passing of the Coinage Act, 1870, it was customary, under the provisions of law, to verify at the Mint, for the use of the public, brass coin weights of the sovereign and half-sovereign, being of the least current weight, by duly stamping them with a die. Such weights may now be compared and verified at the Standards Department of the Board of Trade when delivered, in accordance with these regulations, under the following conditions :—

1. The weights shall be plain discs of brass or bronze, of the official guage of 0·8 inch in diameter for the sovereign weight, and 0·75 inch in diameter for the half-sovereign weight.
2. The edges of these discs shall be slightly rounded off, so as to leave no burr before or after stamping.
3. The requisition shall specify the number of weights of each description delivered for comparison and verification.