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BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

Determining the Specifications and Design for the Twenty-Five New Pence Coins Commemorating the Eightieth Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

ELIZABETH R.

Whereas under section 3 (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) of the Coinage Act 1971 We have power, with the advice of Our Privy Council, by Proclamation to determine the denomination, design, dimensions, weight 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 Whereas it appears to Us desirable to order that a Crown piece of twenty-five new pence should be made both in cupro-nickel and in silver to be issued to commemorate the eightieth birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth Our Mother:

We, therefore, in pursuance of the said section 3 (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) 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:

1.—(1) A new coin of cupro-nickel of the denomination of twenty-five new pence shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 28·27590 grams, a standard diameter of 38·608 millimetres, and a standard composition of seventy-five per cent copper and twenty-five per cent nickel.

(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 kilogram of the coin) of 0·1296 grams; and

(*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 cent.

(3) A new coin of silver of the denomination of twenty-five new pence shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 28·27590 grams, a standard diameter of 38·608 millimetres and a standard composition of thirty-seven-fortieths fine silver, three-fortieths alloy; or millesimal fineness 925.

(4) 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 kilogram of the coin) of 0·1296 grams; and

(*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 per mille.

2. The design for the said coins shall be as follows:

For the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "ELIZABETH II D·G·REG·F·D·", and for the reverse a portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth Our Mother placed centrally surrounded by a radiating pattern of symbolic bows and lions with the inscription "QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER AUGUST 4th 1980". The coins shall have a graining upon the edge.

3. This Proclamation shall come into force on the twenty-fifth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighty.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this twenty-fourth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eighty and in the twenty-ninth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

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TREASURY

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS BY THE PUBLIC WORKS LOAN COMMISSIONERS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

NOTICE

The Treasury hereby give notice that in accordance with the powers conferred upon them by the National Loans Act 1968 (1968 c. 13) on or after 28th June 1980:

I. Different rates of interest shall be charged on loans made by the Public Works Loan Commissioners according to whether the principal of a loan is repaid by instalments or at maturity and, if repaid by instalments, whether by equal instalments of the principal with interest paid on the decreasing balance of the principal (E.I.P.), or by instalments of equal repayments of the principal and interest paid thereon (E.R.);

II. The rates of such interest shall be—