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BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

Determining the Specification and Design of a One Pound Coin and Determining the Amount for which the Said Coin is to be Legal Tender.

ELIZABETH R.

Whereas under section 3 (1) (a), (b), (cc) (d), (dd), (f), (ff) and (h) 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, to determine, the remedy to be allowed in the making of such coins and the percentage of impurities which such coins may contain, to direct that coins made at Our Mint other than gold, silver, cupro-nickel and bronze shall be current and be legal tender for payment of such amount as We may specify by Proclamation and to revoke any Proclamation previously made under the said section:

And Whereas under section 6 (2) of the Coinage Act 1971 We have power, by Proclamation, to prescribe the composition of the standard trial plates to be used for determining the justness of coins issued from Our Mint of any metal or mixture of metals other than gold, silver and cupro-nickel:

And Whereas it appears to Us desirable to order that a new coin of nickel brass of the denomination of one pound should be made at Our Mint.

We, therefore, in pursuance of the said section 3 (1) (a), (b), (cc), (d), (dd), (f), (ff) and (h) and 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:

1. (1) A new coin of nickel brass of the denomination of one pound shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 9.5 grammes, a standard diameter of 22.5 millimetres, and a standard composition of seventy per centum copper, five and one half per centum nickel and twenty-four and one half per centum zinc and being circular in shape.

(2) In the making of the said nickel brass coin a remedy (that is, a variation from the standard weight, composition or dimensions 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 0.05 grammes; and

(b) a variation from the said standard composition of two per centum copper, three quarters per centum nickel and two per centum zinc; and

(c) a variation from the said standard diameter of 0.1 millimeters per coin; and

(3) The said coin may contain impurities of 0.75 of one per centum.

2. The design for the said coin 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 the Ensigns Aromial of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and beneath the same the words "ONE POUND". The coin shall have a graining upon the edge and in incuse letters the inscription "DECUS ET TUTAMEN".

3. The said coin shall be current and be legal for payment of any amount in any part of Our United Kingdom.

4. The composition of the standard trial plates to be used for determining the justness of the one pound coin shall be pure copper, pure nickel and pure zinc.

5. Our Proclamation determining the specification and design for a one pound coin given on the tenth day of February One thousand nine hundred and eighty-two shall be revoked and this Proclamation shall come into force on the twenty-first day of April One thousand nine hundred and eighty-three.

Given at Our Court at Windsor Castle, this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eighty-three and in the thirty-second year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1

22nd April 1983

The QUEEN was pleased on Thursday, 10th February 1983, at Buckingham Palace, to confer the Honour of Knighthood upon the undermentioned:

Sir Robert ATKINSON, D.S.C., R.D.

Sir Brian Harry BAILEY, O.B.E.