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BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

Determining the Specifications and Design for Two-pound Coins commemorating the hosting of the European Football Championship in England in 1996.

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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, fineness, 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 the percentage of impurities which they may contain:

And Whereas under section 3(1)(f) and (ff) of the Coinage Act 1971 We have power, with the advice of Our Privy Council, by Proclamation to direct that coins other than of gold, silver, cupro-nickel and bronze shall be current and that any coin shall be legal tender for payment of any amount:

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 or cupro-nickel:

And Whereas it appears to Us desirable, in order to commemorate in the year One thousand nine hundred and ninety-six the hosting of the European Football Championship in England, that there should be made at Our Mint in gold, in silver and in nickel-brass coins of the denomination of two pounds:

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

GOLD COIN

1. A new coin of gold of the denomination of two pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard diameter of 28.4 millimetres, and being circular in shape.

SILVER COINS

2. (1) A new coin of silver of the denomination of two pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 31.952 grammes, a standard diameter of 28.4 millimetres, and a standard composition of thirty-seven-fortieths fine silver and three-fortieths alloy, or millesimal fineness 925, 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 0.145 grammes;
- (b) a variation from the said standard diameter of 0.1 millimetres per coin; and
- (c) a variation from the said millesimal fineness of five per mille.

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

3. (1) A new coin of silver of the denomination of two pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 15.976 grammes, a standard diameter of 28.4 millimetres, and a standard composition of thirty-seven-fortieths fine silver and three-fortieths alloy, or millesimal fineness 925, 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 0.095 grammes;
- (b) a variation from the said standard diameter of 0.1 millimetres per coin; and
- (c) a variation from the said millesimal fineness of five per mille.

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

NICKEL-BRASS COIN

4. (1) A new coin of nickel-brass of the denomination of two pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 15.976 grammes, a standard diameter of 28.4 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, 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 0.095 grammes;
- (b) a variation from the said standard diameter of 0.1 millimetres per coin; and