

STANDARD SILVER COIN

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 (that is, of 925 parts per thousand fine silver), 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 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 0.075 grammes; and

(b) a variation from the said composition of five parts per thousand fine silver.

(3) In the making of the said silver coin a variation from the said standard diameter of not more than 0.125 millimetres per coin shall be allowed.

SILVER PIEDFORT COIN

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 (that is, of 925 parts per thousand fine silver), 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 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; and

(b) a variation from the said composition of five parts per thousand fine silver.

(3) In the making of the said silver coin a variation from the said standard diameter of not more than 0.125 millimetres per coin shall be allowed.

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 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; and

(b) a variation from the said standard composition of two per centum.

(3) In the making of the said cupro-nickel coin a variation from the said standard diameter of not more than 0.125 millimetres per coin shall be allowed.

DESIGN OF THE COINS

5. The design of the said coins shall be as follows:

“For the obverse impression Our effigy with the circumscription ‘ELIZABETH . II . D . G REG . F . D .’, and the date of the year, and for the reverse the legs of a running athlete with a stylised stopwatch in the background and below the value ‘50 PENCE’. The coins shall have a plain edge.”

6. This Proclamation shall come into force on the ninth day of October Two thousand and three.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this eighth day of October in the year of our Lord Two thousand and three and in the fifty-second year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

(1042)

BY THE QUEEN**A PROCLAMATION****DETERMINING THE SPECIFICATIONS AND DESIGN FOR TWO-POUND COINS COMMEMORATING THE TWO-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST STEAM-POWERED LOCOMOTIVE**

ELIZABETH R

Whereas under section 3(1)(a), (b), (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 and dimensions of coins to be made at Our Mint, to determine the weight and composition of coins other than gold coins or coins of silver of Our Maundy money and the remedy to be allowed in the making of such coins and to determine the percentage of impurities which such coins 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 made at Our Mint other than gold, silver, cupro-nickel and bronze coins 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, with the advice of Our Privy Council, by Proclamation to prescribe the composition of the standard trial plates to be used for determining the justness of coins of a mixture of metals:

And Whereas it appears to Us desirable to order that, to commemorate the two-hundredth anniversary of the first steam-powered locomotive there should be made at Our Mint coins of the denomination of two pounds in gold, and in silver, and in cupro-nickel and nickel-brass, having joined concentric inner and outer sections, that is in gold with a different coloured gold outer section, in silver with a gold-plated outer section and in cupro-nickel and nickel-brass with a cupro-nickel inner section and a nickel-brass outer section.

We, therefore, in pursuance of the said sections 3(1)(a), (b), (cc), (d), (dd), (f) and (ff), 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. (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, being circular in shape and having joined concentric inner and outer sections.

(2) Without prejudice to section 1(2) of the Coinage Act 1971, the inner and outer sections may consist of different alloys.

(3) The approximate diameter of the inner sections shall be 20 millimetres.

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2. (1) A new coin of silver of the denomination of two pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 12 grammes, and a standard diameter of 28.4 millimetres, and a standard composition (excluding the gold plate) of thirty-seven-fortieths fine silver and three-fortieths alloy (that is, of 925 parts per thousand fine silver), circular in shape, and having joined concentric inner and outer sections, the outer section being plated with fine gold of a standard weight of plating of 0.065 grammes.

(2) In the making of the said silver 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 (measured as the average of a sample of not more than one kilogramme of the coin) of 0.095 grammes for the inner and outer sections;

(b) a variation from the said standard weight of plating of an amount per coin of 0.045 grammes; and

(c) in relation to those parts of the coin other than the gold plating, a variation from the said composition of five parts per thousand fine silver.

(3) In the making of the said silver coin a variation from the said standard diameter of not more than 0.125 millimetres per coin shall be allowed.

(4) The approximate diameter of the inner section shall be 20 millimetres.

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

SILVER PIEDFORT COIN

3. (1) A new coin of silver of the denomination of two pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 24 grammes, and a standard diameter of 28.4 millimetres, and a standard composition (excluding the gold plate) of thirty-seven-fortieths fine silver and three-fortieths alloy (that is, of 925 parts per thousand fine silver), circular in shape, and having joined concentric inner and outer sections, the outer section being plated with fine gold of a standard weight of plating of 0.085 grammes.