

(o) a section of Our Royal Arms showing elements of the third and fourth quarterings accompanied by the words "FIFTY PENCE"; or  
(p) a design showing the pagoda, a building strongly associated with the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, encircled by a vine and accompanied by the dates "1759" and "2009", with the word "KEW" at the base of the pagoda.

The coin shall have a plain edge'.

#### GOLD COIN

2. (1) A new coin of gold of the denomination of fifty pence shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 15.5 grammes, a standard diameter of 27.3 millimetres, a millesimal fineness of 916.66, and being in the shape of an equilateral curve heptagon.

(2) In the making of the said gold coin a remedy (that is, a variation from the standard weight, diameter or fineness 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 0.065 grammes;
- (b) a variation from the said standard diameter of 0.125 millimetres per coin; and
- (c) a variation from the said millesimal fineness of two per mille.

(3) The least current weight of the said gold coin shall be 15.4 grammes.

(4) The design of the said gold coin shall be as follows:

'For the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "ELIZABETH · II · D · G · REG · F · D ·" and the date "2009", and for the reverse either:

- (a) a figure of Britannia, seated beside a lion, with a shield resting against her right side, holding a trident in her right hand and an olive branch in her left hand; and the figure "50" together with the words "NEW PENCE";
- (b) the inscription "50 PENCE" and the date "1973", surrounded by nine hands clasping one another in a mutual gesture of trust, assistance and friendship;
- (c) a representation of a table on which are placed twelve stars, linked by a network of lines to each other and also to twelve chairs around the table, on one of which appear the letters "UK", and with the dates "1992" and "1993" above and the value "50 PENCE" below; or
- (d) a design representing the Allied invasion force of the D-Day landings heading for Normandy and filling the sea and sky, together with the value "50 PENCE".

The coin shall have a plain edge'.

#### SILVER 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 8 grammes, a standard diameter of 27.3 millimetres, a standard composition 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, 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 0.075 grammes;
- (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 parts per thousand fine silver.

(4) The design of the said silver coin shall be as follows:

'For the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "ELIZABETH · II · D · G · REG · F · D ·" and the date "2009", and for the reverse either:

- (a) a figure of Britannia, seated beside a lion, with a shield resting against her right side, holding a trident in her right hand and an olive branch in her left hand; and the figure "50" together with the words "NEW PENCE";
- (b) the inscription "50 PENCE" and the date "1973", surrounded by nine hands clasping one another in a mutual gesture of trust, assistance and friendship;
- (c) a representation of a table on which are placed twelve stars, linked by a network of lines to each other and also to twelve chairs around the table, on one of which appear the letters "UK", and with the dates "1992" and "1993" above and the value "50 PENCE" below; or
- (d) a design representing the Allied invasion force of the D-Day landings heading for Normandy and filling the sea and sky, together with the value "50 PENCE".

The coin shall have a plain edge'.

#### 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, 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, 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 0.045 grammes;
- (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 centum copper and two per centum nickel.

(3) The said cupro-nickel coin may contain impurities of three-quarters of one per centum.

(4) The design of the said cupro-nickel coin shall be as follows:

'For the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "ELIZABETH · II · D · G · REG · F · D ·" and the date "2009", and for the reverse either:

- (a) a figure of Britannia, seated beside a lion, with a shield resting against her right side, holding a trident in her right hand and an olive branch in her left hand; and the figure "50" together with the words "NEW PENCE";
- (b) the inscription "50 PENCE" and the date "1973", surrounded by nine hands clasping one another in a mutual gesture of trust, assistance and friendship;
- (c) a representation of a table on which are placed twelve stars, linked by a network of lines to each other and also to twelve chairs around the table, on one of which appear the letters "UK", and with the dates "1992" and "1993" above and the value "50 PENCE" below; or
- (d) a design representing the Allied invasion force of the D-Day landings heading for Normandy and filling the sea and sky, together with the value "50 PENCE".

The coin shall have a plain edge'.

5. This Proclamation shall come into force on the ninth day of July Two thousand and nine.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this eighth day of July in the year of our Lord Two thousand and nine and in the fifty-eighth 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.

10 July 2009

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to signify her intention of conferring a Peerage of the United Kingdom for Life upon the undermentioned:

#### **Life Peer**

*To be a Baron:*

Sir Alan Michael SUGAR, on his appointment as Enterprise Tsar at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

*(To be dated 25 June 2009.)*

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## Crown Office

House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW

6 July 2009

The QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm dated 6 July 2009 to change the constitution of the Defence Council.

The members will be:

The Principal Secretary of State for Defence,

The Minister of State for the Armed Forces,

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and Minister for Defence Equipment and Support,

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and Minister for International Defence and Security,