



**BY THE QUEEN**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**DETERMINING THE SPECIFICATIONS AND DESIGNS FOR  
FIVE-POUND COINS ILLUSTRATING THE THEME OF THE  
SPIRIT OF BRITAIN**

**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, the 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 making such coins and to determine the percentage of impurities which such coins may contain:

And Whereas under section 3(1)(ff) of the Coinage Act 1971 We have power, with the advice of Our Privy Council, by Proclamation to direct that any coin shall be legal tender for the payment of any amount:

And Whereas it appears to Us desirable to order that, to illustrate the theme of the Spirit of Britain, there should be made at Our Mint a coin of the denomination of five pounds in silver and in cupro-nickel:

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

## SILVER COIN

1. (1) A new coin of silver of the denomination of five pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 28.276 grammes, a standard diameter of 38.608 millimetres, a standard composition of 925 parts per thousand fine silver, and being circular in shape.

(2) In the making of the said silver 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 0.13 grammes;

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

(c) a variation from the said standard diameter of 0.125 millimetres per coin.

(3) 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 FIVE POUNDS · 2010”, and for the reverse either:

(a) a depiction of the intertwined national floral emblems for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland accompanied by the London 2012 logo, printed onto the surface in coloured ink, and a quotation from John Lennon, “And the world will be as one”;

(b) a depiction of the White Rabbit from Lewis Carroll’s *Alice in Wonderland* accompanied by the London 2012 logo, printed onto the surface in coloured ink, and a quotation from T S Eliot, “All touched by a common genius”;

(c) a view down the Mall of cheering crowds accompanied by the London 2012 logo, printed onto the surface in coloured ink, and a quotation from Alfred, Lord Tennyson, “Kind hearts are more than coronets”;

(d) a depiction of the statue of Winston Churchill in Parliament Square accompanied by the London 2012 logo, printed onto the surface in coloured ink, and a quotation from Anita Roddick, “Be daring, be first, be different, be just”;

(e) an arrangement of musical instruments based on a well-known sculpture accompanied by the London 2012 logo, printed onto the surface in coloured ink, and a quotation from John Lennon and Paul McCartney, “All you need is love”; or

(f) an image of the nineteenth-century anti-slavery campaigner Equiano accompanied by the London 2012 logo, printed onto the surface in coloured ink, and a quotation from William Shakespeare, “To thine own self be true”.

The coin shall have a graining upon the edge’.

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

### **CUPRO-NICKEL COIN**

2. (1) A new coin of cupro-nickel of the denomination of five pounds shall be made, being a coin of a standard weight of 28.276 grammes, a standard diameter of 38.608 millimetres, a standard composition of seventy-five per centum copper and twenty-five per centum nickel, and being circular in shape.

(2) In the making of the said cupro-nickel 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 0.13 grammes;

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

(c) a variation from the said standard diameter of 0.125 millimetres per coin.

(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 FIVE POUNDS · 2010”, and for the reverse either:

(a) a view down the Mall of cheering crowds accompanied by the London 2012 logo, printed onto the surface in coloured ink, and a quotation from Alfred, Lord Tennyson, “Kind hearts are more than coronets”; or

(b) a depiction of the statue of Winston Churchill in Parliament Square accompanied by the London 2012 logo, printed onto the surface in coloured ink, and a quotation from Anita Roddick, “Be daring, be first, be different, be just”.

The coin shall have a graining upon the edge’.

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

3. This Proclamation shall come into force on the eighteenth day of March Two thousand and ten.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord Two thousand and ten and in the fifty-ninth year of Our Reign.

**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**