

STATES OF ALDERNEY

ORDINANCE OF THE STATES

Made ..... 21<sup>st</sup> February, 1956  
 Coming into force ..... 21<sup>st</sup> February, 1956

THE LEGAL CURRENCY AND LEGAL TENDER  
[ALDERNEY] ORDINANCE, 1956

THE STATES, on the representations of the States of Alderney Finance Committee, hereby order:-

1. (1) In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereafter respectively assigned to them, that is to say:-
    - "bank notes" means notes of the Bank of England payable to bearer on demand;
    - "the Coinage Acts, 1870 to 1946", means the Coinage Act, 1870, the Coinage Act, 1891, the Coinage Act, 1920, and the Coinage Act, 1946;
    - "the Island" means the Island of Alderney;
    - "the Mint" means Her Majesty's Royal Mint in England;
    - "States of Guernsey notes" means notes of the States of Guernsey payable to bearer on demand.
  - (2) The Interpretation (Guernsey) Law, 1948, shall apply to the interpretation of this Ordinance as it applies to the interpretation of a Guernsey enactment.
  - (3) Except insofar as the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Ordinance to any other enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, extended or applied by or under any other enactment.
2. On and after the commencement of this Ordinance, the money lawfully current in the Island shall be:-
    - (a) currency notes issued by Her Majesty's Treasury;
    - (b) bank notes issued by the Bank of England;

- (c) States of Guernsey notes issued by the States of Guernsey;
  - (d) the following coins issued by the Mint in accordance with the provisions of the Coinage Acts, 1870 to 1946, and lawfully current in England and Wales, that is to say, gold, silver, cupro-nickel coins, threepenny pieces of mixed metal and bronze coins; and
  - (e) coins issued by the States of Guernsey.
3. A tender of payment of money if made in –
- (a) Bank notes which immediately before the commencement of the Currency and Bank Notes Act, 1954, were legal tender in England and Wales;
  - (b) bank notes issued under section one of the Currency and Bank Notes Act, 1954;
  - (c) currency notes issued by Her Majesty's Treasury which are for the time being legal tender in England and Wales;
  - (d) States of Guernsey notes not being notes specified in the Schedule to this Ordinance; shall be a legal tender for a payment of any amount.
4. A tender of payment of money, if made in coins which have been issued by the Mint in accordance with the provisions of the Coinage Acts, 1870 to 1946, and which have not been called in by any proclamation made in pursuance of those Acts or in coins issued by the States of Guernsey, shall be a legal tender –
- (a) in the case of gold coins for a payment of any amount;
  - (b) in the case of silver or cupro-nickel coins for a payment of an amount not exceeding forty shillings, but for no greater amount;
  - (c) in the case of threepenny pieces of mixed metal for a payment of an amount not exceeding two shillings, but for no greater amount; and
  - (d) in the case of bronze coins for a payment of an amount not exceeding one shilling, but for no greater amount.
5. Where the Bank of England have, whether before or after the commencement of this Ordinance, given any notice under the Currency and Bank Notes Act, 1954, calling in any bank notes, any such notes with respect to which any such notice has been given as aforesaid shall on the expiration of the notice cease to be legal tender in the Island.

6. The Currency and Legal Tender Ordinance, 1954, is hereby repealed.
7. This Ordinance may be cited as the Legal Currency and Legal Tender (Alderney) Ordinance, 1956, and shall come into force on the twenty first day of February nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

Section three

**SCHEDULE**

**States of Guernsey notes which are not legal tender**

Notes bearing a date previous to the second day of January nineteen hundred and forty-five.