

Island of  Guernsey

Ordinance of the States **III**
1956

Made 25th January, 1956.
Coming into Operation ... 26th January, 1956.

**The Legal Tender (Guernsey) Ordinance,
1956.**

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

1. (1) In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby 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 Islands” means the Islands of Guernsey, Sark, Herm and Jethou;

“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 throughout the Islands.

(3) Except in so far 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 including this Ordinance.

2. 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 First Schedule to this Ordinance;

shall be a legal tender for a payment of any amount.

3. 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.

4. 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 Islands.

5. The Ordinances set out in the first column of the Second Schedule to this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the second column of that Schedule.

6. This Ordinance may be cited as the Legal Tender (Guernsey) Ordinance, 1956, and shall come into force on the 26th day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

FIRST SCHEDULE Section two

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.

SECOND SCHEDULE Section five

Ordinances Repealed

<i>Ordinance</i>	<i>Extent of Repeal</i>
The Ordinance entitled "Ordonnance relative au changement du Cours Légal de la Monnaie en cette Ile et les Iles de Sercq, d'Herm et de Jethou" of the 30th March, 1921.	In section one the words "de cuivre". Section five.
The Ordinance entitled "Ordonnance rappelant certains Billets émis par les Etats de Guernesey" of the 26th May, 1945.	The whole Ordinance.
The Ordinance entitled "Ordonnance terminant la circulation de certains billets" of the 23rd March, 1946.	The whole Ordinance.
The Ordinance entitled "Ordonnance déclarant que certains billets n'auront plus cours légal" of the 18th May, 1946.	The whole Ordinance.
The Currency and Legal Tender Ordinance, 1954.	The whole Ordinance.
The Legal Tender Ordinance, 1955.	The whole Ordinance.

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