

Island of



Guernsey

Ordinance of the States **XXXVIII**
1970

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Coming into Operation ... 15th February, 1971.

**The Legal Tender (Guernsey)
Ordinance, 1970**

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolution of the thirteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and sixty-seven, hereby order:—

1. A tender of payment of money if made in— Notes.
- (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.

2. (1) A tender of payment of money, if made Coins.
in coins which have been issued by the Mint in accordance with the provisions of section two of

the Decimal Currency Act, 1967, or in accordance with the provisions of the Coinage Acts, 1870 to 1946, and which have not been called in by proclamation under paragraph (5) of section eleven of the Coinage Act, 1870, or if made in coins issued by the States of Guernsey, shall be a legal tender—

- (a) in the case of gold coins, for payment of any amount;
- (b) in the case of coins of cupro-nickel or silver of denominations of more than ten new pence or two shillings, for payment of any amount not exceeding ten pounds;
- (c) in the case of coins of cupro-nickel or silver of denominations of not more than ten new pence or two shillings, for payment of any amount not exceeding five pounds;
- (d) in the case of coins of bronze, for payment of any amount not exceeding twenty new pence or four shillings.

(2) In the foregoing subsection the expression “coins of bronze” includes threepences of mixed metal.

(3) Coins of the old currency other than gold coins shall not be legal tender after the end of the transitional period.

(4) For the purpose of being used for any payment in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this section a coin of either the old or the new currency may be treated as being a current coin of the other currency of equal value.

Notes called
in to cease
to be legal
tender.

3. 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.

4. (1) In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:— Interpretation.

“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;

“the new currency” means the new currency of the United Kingdom provided for by the Decimal Currency Act, 1967, and the new currency of the Islands of Guernsey, Sark, Herm and Jethou provided for by the Decimal Currency Ordinance, 1968(a);

“the old currency” means the currency of the United Kingdom and the currency of the Islands of Guernsey, Sark, Herm and Jethou in force before the fifteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and seventy-one;

“States of Guernsey notes” means notes of the States of Guernsey payable to bearer on demand;

(a) Recueil d’Ordonnances, Tome XV, p. 363.

“ the transitional period ” means the period beginning with the fifteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and seventy-one, and ending with such day as shall be appointed by order under subsection (1) of section sixteen of the Decimal Currency Act, 1969.

(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.

Repeals. 5. The Ordinances set out in the Second Schedule to this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Extent. 6. This Ordinance shall have effect in the Islands of Guernsey, Sark, Herm and Jethou.

Citation and commencement. 7. This Ordinance may be cited as the Legal Tender (Guernsey) Ordinance, 1970, and shall come into force on the fifteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and seventy-one.

FIRST SCHEDULE Section one

States of Guernsey notes which are not legal tender

Notes bearing a date previous to the second day of July, nineteen hundred and sixty-six.

SECOND SCHEDULE Section five

Ordinances Repealed

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

The Legal Tender (Amendment) (Guernsey) Ordinance, 1970(c).

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(b) Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XI, p. 190.

(c) No. XXXIII of 1970.