

# Island of Guernsey

## Ordinance of the States **XVI**

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### **The Legal Tender (Guernsey) Ordinance, 1983**

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolution of the twenty-fifth day of March, nineteen hundred and eighty-two, 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 of any of the designs first issued on the twentieth day of March, nineteen hundred and eighty, mounted specimens of which for the purposes of identification have been signed by the Bailiff, endorsed by him with the said date and lodged at the Greffe;

Coins.

- (e) States of Guernsey notes of any design, other than those referred to in the last preceding paragraph, mounted specimens of which for the purposes of identification have been signed by the Bailiff, endorsed by him with the date on which they were first issued and lodged at the Greffe;

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

2. (1) A tender of payment of money, if made 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 coins of a face value of one pound or more, for the payment of any amount;
- (b) in the case of coins of a face value of more than ten new pence but less than one pound sterling, for the payment of any amount not exceeding ten pounds sterling;
- (c) in the case of coins of a face value of not more than ten new pence but not less than five new pence, for the payment of any amount not exceeding five pounds sterling;
- (d) in the case of coins of a face value of less than five new pence, for the payment of any amount not exceeding twenty new pence.

(2) Coins of the old currency other than gold coins shall not be legal tender.

(3) 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.

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:—

“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 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;

Notes called in to cease to be legal tender.

Interpretation.

“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 repealed and re-enacted, amended, extended or applied by or under any other enactment including this Ordinance.

- Repeal.** 5. The Legal Tender (Guernsey) Ordinance, 1970(a), is hereby repealed.
- Extent.** 6. This Ordinance shall have effect in the Islands of Guernsey, Sark, Herm and Jethou.
- Citation.** 7. This Ordinance may be cited as the Legal Tender (Guernsey) Ordinance, 1983.

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