

## BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

No. 54 of 1932.

(Promulgated 18th November, 1932.)

### PROCLAMATION

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER  
entitled the Bechuanaland Protectorate Currency Proclamation, 1932.

Whereas by an Order of His Majesty the King in Council dated the seventeenth day of December, 1931, entitled the Bechuanaland Protectorate (Coinage) Order, 1931, the High Commissioner for South Africa was empowered to make provision by Proclamation for the regulation of currency in the Bechuanaland Protectorate and for all matters connected therewith and for that purpose to amend or repeal wholly or in part the provisions of the Bechuanaland Protectorate (Coinage) Orders, 1911 and 1920;

And whereas it is expedient to make further provision for regulating the currency of the Bechuanaland Protectorate (hereinafter referred to as "the territory");

Now therefore under and by virtue of the powers in me vested I do hereby declare proclaim and make known as follows:—

1. For the purpose of this Proclamation—

the expression "United Kingdom coins" means any coins which at the date of the taking effect of this Proclamation are legal tender in the United Kingdom other than silver coins;

the expression "Union coins" means any coins (other than United Kingdom coins) which at the date of the taking effect of this Proclamation are legal tender in the Union of South Africa; and

the expression "South African Reserve Bank" means the Reserve Bank established under the Currency and Banking Act, 1920 (No. 31 of 1920) of the Union of South Africa and any amendment thereof.

2. (1) All United Kingdom coins and all Union coins shall be current in the territory, and the tender of payment of money in the territory, if made in any of those coins of current weight, shall, if the coins have not been illegally dealt with, and have not been called in under the authority of the High Commissioner, be a legal tender—

in the case of gold coins, for payment of any amount;

in the case of silver coins, for payment of an amount not exceeding forty shillings, but for no greater amount;

in the case of bronze coins, for payment of an amount not exceeding one shilling, but for no greater amount.

(2) A tender of a note issued by the South African Reserve Bank under and in accordance with the provisions of the Currency and Banking Act 1920 of the Union of South Africa or any amendment thereof and expressed to be payable on demand, shall be a legal tender in the territory to the amount expressed in such note so long as the said Bank shall continue on demand to pay its notes in United Kingdom coins or Union coins of legal tender; but no tender of such note shall be a legal tender of payment by the Bank.

3. (1) A coin shall be deemed to be not of current weight if it has become diminished in weight by wear or otherwise—

(a) in case it is a United Kingdom coin, so as to be of less weight than the weight specified as the least current weight in the law of the United Kingdom applicable to the coin; and

(b) in case it is a Union coin, so as to be of less weight than the weight specified as the least current weight in the law of the Union of South Africa applicable to the coin.

(2) A coin shall be deemed to have been illegally dealt with where the coin has been impaired, diminished, or lightened, otherwise than by fair wear and tear, or has been defaced by having any name, word, device, or number stamped or engraved thereon, whether or not the coin has or has not been thereby diminished or lightened.

(3) Any coin which has been illegally dealt with, or is below the least current weight, or which has ceased to be legal tender in the United Kingdom or in the Union of South Africa as the case may be may be called in, cut, broken or defaced under the authority of the High Commissioner, in accordance with such regulations as the High Commissioner may make.

4. Every contract, sale, payment, bill, note, instrument, and security for money, and every transaction, dealing, matter, and thing whatever relating to money, or involving the payment of or the liability to pay any money, shall, in the absence of express agreement to the contrary, be held to be made, executed, entered into, done, or had in the territory according to the coins or bank notes which are current and legal tender in pursuance of this Proclamation.

5. All silver coins made at His Majesty's Royal Mint in England shall be withdrawn from circulation within the territory: Provided that notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Proclamation all such silver coins shall continue to be legal tender within the territory for the payment of an amount not exceeding forty shillings, but for no greater amount, until the fifteenth day of January 1933, when all such silver coins made at His Majesty's Royal Mint in England shall cease to be legal tender within the territory.

6. The provisions of the Bechuanaland Protectorate (Coinage) Orders 1911 and 1920 shall be and are hereby repealed.

7. This Proclamation may be cited as the Bechuanaland Protectorate Currency Proclamation, 1932, and save as is otherwise provided in section five shall have force and effect from the date of its publication in the *Gazette*.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Pretoria this Fifteenth day of November One thousand Nine hundred and Thirty-two.

H. J. STANLEY,  
High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency the  
High Commissioner

SHIRLEY EALES,  
Acting Imperial Secretary.