

THE COINAGE OFFENCES ACT

Cap. 65.
Law
24 of 1955.
Act
42 of 1969
3rd Sch.

[1st July, 1872.]

1. This Act may be cited as the Coinage Offences Act. Short title.

2.—(1) In this Act—

Interpreta-
tion.

“current coin” includes any coin coined in any of Her Majesty’s mints, or lawfully current, by virtue of any proclamation or otherwise, in Jamaica, or in any other Commonwealth country, or lawfully current in any foreign country;

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“current gold or silver coin” includes any gold or silver coin coined in any of Her Majesty’s mints, or lawfully current, by virtue of any proclamation or otherwise, in Jamaica, or in any other Commonwealth country, or lawfully current in any foreign country;

“copper coin” includes any coin of any metal or mixed metal (not being a gold or silver coin) coined in any of Her Majesty’s mints, or lawfully current, by virtue of any proclamation or otherwise, in Jamaica, or in any other Commonwealth country, or lawfully current in any foreign country;

“false or counterfeit coin resembling or apparently intended to resemble or pass for any current gold or silver coin” includes any of the current coin which shall have been gilt, silvered, washed, coloured or cased over, or in any manner altered, so as to resemble, or be apparently intended to resemble or pass for, any current coin of a higher denomination.

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(2) All references to silver coin in this Act shall include a reference to coin of cupro-nickel and to coin of any other metal or mixture of metals specified in any proclamation made under the power conferred by paragraph (c) of section 3 of the Coinage Act, 1946 of the United Kingdom, and accordingly such coin shall be excluded from the definition of "copper coin" in subsection (1).

9 & 10 Geo.
6 c. 74.

(3) Where the having any matter in the custody or possession of any person is mentioned in this Act, it shall include not only the having of it by himself in his personal custody or possession, but also the knowingly and wilfully having it in the actual custody or possession of any other person; and also the knowingly and wilfully having it in any dwelling-house or other building, lodging, apartment, field, or other place, open or enclosed, whether belonging to or occupied by himself or not, and whether such matter shall be so had for his own use or benefit or for that of any other person.

Counter-
feiting the
gold or silver
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3. Whosoever shall falsely make or counterfeit any coin resembling or apparently intended to resemble, or pass for any current gold or silver coin, shall be guilty of felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, to be imprisoned for life with or without hard labour.

Colouring
counterfeit
coin or any
pieces of
metal with
intent to
make them
pass for
gold or
silver coin.

4. Whosoever shall gild or silver, or shall, with any wash or materials capable of producing the colour or appearance of gold or silver, or by any means whatsoever wash, case over, or colour any coin whatsoever resembling or apparently intended to resemble or pass for any current gold or silver coin; or shall gild or silver, or shall with any wash or materials capable of producing the colour or appearance of gold or of silver, or by any means whatsoever wash, case over, or colour any piece of silver or copper, or of coarse gold or coarse silver, or of any metal or mixture of metals respectively, being of a fit size and figure to be coined, and