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n.

1. An arbitrary order or decree.
2. Authorization or sanction: *government fiat*.

[Medieval Latin, from Latin, let it be done, third person sing. present subjunctive of *fieri*, to become, to be done; see **bheu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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