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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 1986 No. 1682

## The Measuring Equipment (Measures of Length) Regulations 1986

### PART I GENERAL

#### Citation, commencement and revocation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Measuring Equipment (Measures of Length) Regulations 1986 and shall come into operation on 27th October 1986.

(2) The Regulations specified in the Schedule to these Regulations are hereby revoked to the extent specified in column 2 of the Schedule.

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#### Commencement Information

**II** Reg. 1 in force at 27.10.1986, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

#### Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Weights and Measures Act 1985;

“composite measure” means a measure of length where one of its principal scale marks is a surface and the other is a line, hole or mark;

“end measure” means a measure of length where its principal scale marks are formed by two surfaces;

“measure of length” means a linear measure set out in Part I of Schedule 1 to the Act;

“nominal length” means the maximum length in metric or imperial units which a measure of length is designed to measure in one measurement;

“prescribed limits of error” has the meaning set out in Regulation 24 below;

“principal scale marks” mean the two surfaces, lines, holes or marks (or combination thereof) on a measure of length the distance between which is the nominal length of the measure;

“the stamp” means the prescribed stamp<sup>(1)</sup>; and

“terminal surface” means a surface forming one of the principal scale marks.

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(1) See S.I. 1968/1615.

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**Commencement Information**

**I2** Reg. 2 in force at 27.10.1986, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

**Application**

**3.—(1)** Subject to paragraph (2) below, these Regulations apply to measuring equipment for use for trade of the following class namely measures of length, and such measures are hereby prescribed for the purposes of section 11(1) of the Act.

(2) Except for this paragraph, paragraph (3) and Regulation 20 below, these Regulations do not apply to measures of length which bear the mark of EEC initial verification.

(3) In this Regulation, “mark of EEC initial verification” means the mark described in paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1980(2).

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**Commencement Information**

**I3** Reg. 3 in force at 27.10.1986, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

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(2) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1985/1871.

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- reg. 17A words omitted by [S.I. 2009/3045 reg. 3\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- reg. 23A23B inserted by [S.I. 1996/2636 reg. 2\(2\)](#)
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- reg. 23B(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1387 Sch. para. 4\(2\)\(b\)](#)
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