
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The Weights and Measures Act 1985 (“the Act”) contains provisions that refer to “the FIC Regulation”. Section 94(1) of the Act contains a definition of “the FIC Regulation”: it means Regulation (EU) No. 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the provision of food information to consumers. The definition was inserted by regulation 11 of the Weights and Measures (Food) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 ([S.I. 2014/2975](#)). These Regulations restate the definition, and this has the effect of updating it so that it covers the same Regulation as most recently amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on novel foods (OJ No. L327, 11.12.2015, p. 1).

The Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations 2006 ([S.I. 2006/659](#)) (“the Packaged Goods Regulations”) refer to [Directive 2000/13/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 March 2000 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs (“the Directive”) for a definition of “liquid medium”. These Regulations replace the reference to the Directive with a reference to Regulation (EU) 1169/2011. This has the effect of updating the definition of “liquid medium” and ensures that the reference to Regulation (EU) 1169/2011 covers the same Regulation as most recently amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.

The Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 contains provisions that refer to “the FIC Regulation”. Article 2(2) contains a definition of “the FIC Regulation”. This definition was inserted by The Weights and Measures (Food) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 ([S.R. 2016/187](#)) and is the same definition of “the FIC Regulation” as that which appears in the Act. These Regulations replace the definition, and this has the same effect as replacing the definition in the Act.

The Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 refer to the Directive for a definition of “liquid medium”. These Regulations replace the reference to the Directive with a reference to Regulation ([EC](#)) 1169/2011. This has the same effect as replacing the reference to the Directive with a reference to Regulation (EU) 1169/2011 in the Packaged Goods Regulations.

Part 4 contains minor amendments to the Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016 ([S.I. 2016/1101](#)), the Non-Automatic Weighting Instruments Regulations 2016 ([S.I. 2016/1152](#)) and the Measuring Instrument Regulations 2016 ([S.I. 2016/1153](#)).

A full impact assessment has not been produced for these Regulations because no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

As these Regulations corrects errors in a number of instruments, they are being issued free of charge to all known recipients of those instruments.