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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Sugar) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974*Made* 7th November 1974*Coming into operation* 1st October 1975*To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of
Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974.*

WHEREAS the Department of Commerce pursuant to section 35(2) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") has consulted with organisations appearing to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by this Order and considered the representations made to it by such organisations with respect to the subject matter of the Order:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Department of Commerce, in exercise of powers conferred on it by section 15(2), (3) and (5) of the Act and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Sugar) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1975.

2. Parts VIII and IX of Schedule 2 to the Act shall cease to apply to sugar.

3. Sugar which is not pre-packed shall be sold by retail only by net weight.

4. Subject to Article 5 sugar shall be pre-packed or otherwise made up in a container for sale, only if—

(a) it is made up in one of the following quantities by net weight, that is to say—

(i) 12oz, 1 lb, 1½ lb, or a multiple of 1 lb; or

(ii) 125g, 250g, 500g, 750g, 1kg, 1.5kg, 2kg, 2.5kg, 3kg, 4kg, or 5kg; and

(b) the container is marked with an indication of quantity by net weight.

5. Sugar shall be exempted from all requirements—

(a) of Article 4(a) if pre-packed, or otherwise made up in or on a container for sale, in a quantity not exceeding 100g or in a quantity more than 5kg; and

(b) of Article 4(b) if pre-packed, or otherwise made up in or on a container for sale, in a quantity less than 50g.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 7th day of November 1974.

(L.S.)

Ernest Simpson,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order provides that Parts VIII and IX of Schedule 2 to the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 shall cease to apply to sugar. Except where the quantity does not exceed 100g or exceeds 5kg, sugar may only be pre-packed, or otherwise made up in or on a container for sale, in a range of imperial or metric weights prescribed in the Order. Every container must be marked with an indication of quantity by net weight unless the quantity is less than 50g. If not pre-packed, sugar may only be sold by retail by net weight. The reference to metric units is new.