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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Measuring Equipment (Measures of Length)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986

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MEASURING EQUIPMENT (MEASURES OF LENGTH)  
REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1986

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