

1995 No. 229

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES****Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods and Quantity Marking and Abbreviations of Units) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995***Made* . . . . . 31st May 1995*Coming into operation* . . . . . 3rd July 1995

The Department of Economic Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 13(1)(g), 19(6)(a) and (d), 30, 30(1A), 31, 31(5A), 37 and 38 of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and now vested in it(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and after consultation, in accordance with Article 48(4) of that Order, with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by the Regulations, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods and Quantity Marking and Abbreviations of Units) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 3rd July 1995.

*Amendment of Regulations in 1995 and 2000*

2.—(1) The Regulations specified in Part I of the Schedule shall be amended in the manner specified in that Part.

(2) The Regulations specified in Part II of the Schedule shall be amended in the manner specified in that Part with effect from 1st October 1995.

(3) The Regulations specified in Part III of the Schedule, as amended by paragraph (2), shall be amended in the manner specified in that Part with effect from 1st January 2000.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 31st May 1995.

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Assistant Secretary

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- (a) S.I. 1981/231 (N.I. 10); Articles 30(1A) and 31(5A) have effect by virtue of the modifications to Part VI of the Order made by paragraphs 2(b) and 5(b) of Part II of Schedule 3 to the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990, S.R. 1990 No. 410
- (b) By S.I. 1982/846 (N.I. 11) Art. 4

## SCHEDULE

**Amendments to Regulations made under the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981**

**PART I**

AMENDMENTS WITH EFFECT FROM 3RD JULY 1995

| <i>Regulations</i>  | <i>Amendments</i>   |
|---|---|
| Weights and Measures (Quantity Marking and Abbreviations of Units) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991(a) | In regulation 7 for paragraph (1)(b) there shall be substituted—<br>“(b) in the case of any goods required by or under Part V of the Order to be pre-packed or otherwise made up in or on a container for sale, or for delivery after sale, only if made up in specified metric quantities, the marking shall indicate that quantity first.”. |

**PART II**

AMENDMENTS WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST OCTOBER 1995

| <i>Regulations</i>   | <i>Amendments</i>  |
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| Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990(b) | In Part I of Schedule 3—<br>in paragraph 1(a) of column 1 for the word “transparent” there shall be substituted “returnable”;<br>in paragraph 1(B)(b)(iv) of column 2 for the words “2 lb and 4 lb” there shall be substituted “1 kg and 2 kg”; and for paragraph 1(B)(c)(ii) of column 2(c) there shall be substituted “for regulation 10(7) there were substituted the words “In the case of packages other than packages marked with the EEC mark the principal Regulations shall apply as if regulations 3(3) and (4), 5 and Schedule 1 were omitted”,”. |

(a) S.R. 1991 No. 320

(b) S.R. 1990 No. 410 as amended by S.R. 1991 No. 320 and S.R. 1992 No. 485

(c) Regulation 9(2)(b) of S.R. 1991 No. 320 substituted the paragraph 1(B)(c)(ii) of column 2 that is amended by these Regulations

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In paragraph 2 of Part II of Schedule 4—

in Table 1 of sub-paragraph (1) the words—

“1/3500 lb or  
1/1400 lb or  
1/700 lb or  
1/16 oz or  
1/4 oz  
1 oz  
2 oz  
4 oz  
8 oz”

shall be omitted;

in head (b)(i) of sub-paragraph (2) the word “and” shall be omitted; and

head (b)(ii) of sub-paragraph (2) shall be omitted;

in Table 2 of sub-paragraph (2) for the entries in column “2” there shall be substituted—

“500 g  
1 kg  
2 kg  
4 kg  
5 kg  
15 kg  
30 kg  
60 kg”;

in Table 3 of sub-paragraph (2) for the entries in column “2” under the headings “Class B Machines” and “Class C Machines” there shall be substituted—

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| “1 kg  | and | “30 g  |
| 2 kg   |     | 500 g  |
| 4 kg   |     | 1 kg   |
| 7 kg   |     | 2 kg   |
| 7 kg   |     | 4 kg   |
| 15 kg  |     | 5 kg   |
| 15 kg  |     | 7 kg   |
| 30 kg  |     | 7 kg   |
| 60 kg  |     | 15 kg  |
| 60 kg  |     | 30 kg  |
| 60 kg” |     | 60 kg” |

respectively;

in Table 4 of sub-paragraph (2) for the entries in column “2” there shall be substituted—

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“60 kg  
200 kg  
300 kg  
400 kg  
600 kg”; and

in Table 5 of sub-paragraph (2) for the entries in column “2” there shall be substituted—

“60 kg  
200 kg”.

In paragraph 17 of Schedule 7 for the words “2 lb and 4 lb” there shall be substituted “1 kg and 2 kg”.

In regulation 2(2) for the words “Regulations 5 and 6” there shall be substituted “Regulation 5”.

For regulations 6 and 7 there shall be substituted—

*“Imperial and metric units of  
measurement*

6.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) the marking of any container with information as to quantity by measurement shall be in metric units of measurement.

(2) The marking of any returnable container used for milk to which this Part applies with information as to quantity by measurement may, in addition to the marking in metric units, be marked by reference to the pint.

(3) The marking of any returnable container used for beer, cider, water, lemonade and fruit juice with information as to quantity by measurement may, in addition to the marking in metric units, be marked by reference to the pint and the fluid ounce.

(4) Any container marked in metric units of measurement in accordance with these Regulations may be marked with a supplementary indication (Article 6(7A) of the Order makes provision for the use for trade of a supplementary indication).”

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For regulation 8 there shall be substituted—

*“Units of measurement to be used in marking*

8. Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of regulation 6 the units of measurement to be used in marking any container with information as to quantity by measurement are those set out in column 2 of Schedule 2 appropriate to the measurement being marked set out in column 1.”.

For regulation 11 there shall be substituted—

*“Restriction on the use for trade of abbreviations and symbols*

11.—(1) Only those symbols set out in column 2 of Schedule 3 may be used for trade to indicate the relevant unit of measurement set out in column 1 of that Schedule.

(2) Where the pint is used in connection with returnable containers for milk or the dispense of draught beer or cider the abbreviation “pt” may be used and the letter “s” may be added, where appropriate, to indicate the plural.

(3) Where the pint or the fluid ounce are used in connection with returnable containers for beer, cider, water, lemonade and fruit juice the abbreviations “pt” or “fl oz” may be used and the letter “s” may be added, where appropriate, to indicate the plural.

(4) Where the pound or the ounce (avoirdupois) are used in connection with the sale of goods loose from bulk the abbreviations “lb” or “oz” may be used and the letter “s” may be added, where appropriate, to indicate the plural.”.

In Schedule 2 column 3 shall be omitted.

| <i>Regulations</i> | <i>Amendments</i>   |
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|                    | In Schedule 3—<br>the words “AND<br>ABBREVIATIONS OF”, “PART<br>I” and “METRIC UNITS” shall<br>be omitted; and<br>Part II shall be omitted. |

## PART III

## AMENDMENTS WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST JANUARY 2000

| <i>Regulations</i>  | <i>Amendments</i>  |
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| Weights and Measures (Quantity<br>Marking and Abbreviations of<br>Units) Regulations (Northern<br>Ireland) 1991 | In regulation 6 paragraph (3) shall<br>be omitted.<br>In regulation 11 paragraphs (3) and<br>(4) shall be omitted. |

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations implement the amendments made by Council Directive 89/617/EEC (O.J. No. L357, 7.12.89, p. 28) to Council Directive 80/181/EEC (O.J. No. L39, 15.2.80, p. 40) which relates to the use of units of measurement for economic, public health, public safety or administrative purposes.

They amend the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 ("the Packaged Goods Regulations") and the Weights and Measures (Quantity Marking and Abbreviations of Units) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 ("the Quantity Marking Regulations").

The amendments made to the Packaged Goods Regulations include the substitution, on 1st October 1995, of metric for imperial quantities in relation to the prescribed maximum capacities of weighing instruments used for making up packaged goods under the system of quantity control known as the "average system".

Those made to the Quantity Marking Regulations require, among other things, catchweight products to be marked, on and after 1st October 1995, with a metric indication of quantity. As a general rule the Quantity Marking Regulations will require, on and after that date, containers to be marked with metric units whilst also permitting supplementary imperial markings.

A Compliance Cost Assessment of the impact that these Regulations will have on business is available, copies of which can be obtained from the Department of Economic Development, Trading Standards Branch, 176 Newtownbreda Road, Belfast BT8 4QS.