
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**Measuring Equipment (Capacity Measures)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998**

Part I

General

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“BS 604: 1982” means the British Standard specification for graduated glass measuring cylinders⁽¹⁾;

“BS 1922: 1987” means the British Standard specification for glass dispensing measures for pharmaceutical purposes⁽²⁾;

“BS 6001: Part 1: 1991” means the British Standard specification for sampling procedures for inspection by attributes⁽³⁾;

“BS 6002: Part 1: 1993” means the British Standard specification for single sampling plans indexed by acceptable quality level (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection⁽⁴⁾;

“BS 6696: 1986” means the British Standard methods for use and testing of volumetric glassware⁽⁵⁾;

“another member State” means a member State of the European Communities other than the United Kingdom;

“digital” means capable of assigning only certain discrete values or positions within a continuous range by a series of discontinuous steps;

“discrimination threshold” means, in the case of weighing equipment with a digital indicator, the weight which produces a change of reading of one digit, and in the case of weighing equipment with an analogue indicator, the weight which produces a one millimetre movement of the pointer; and in this definition, “analogue” means capable of assigning any value or position within a continuous range;

“double measure” means a measure comprising two parts, each part being a capacity measure;

“EEA Agreement” means the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992⁽⁶⁾ as adjusted by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993⁽⁷⁾;

(1) ISBNNo. 0 580 12515 7, published by the British Standards Institution in April 1952, as amended in February 1982
(2) ISBN No. 0 580 15701 6, published by the British Standards Institution in April 1953, as amended in January 1969 and January 1982
(3) ISBN No. 0 580 195732 2, published by the British Standards Institution on 30th March 1972, as amended in May 1991
(4) ISBN No. 0 580 22581 X, published by the British Standards Institution on 15th November 1993
(5) ISBN No. 0 580 15076 3, published by the British Standards Institution on 28th February 1986
(6) O.J. No. C305, 23.11.92, p. 66
(7) O.J. No. C194, 19.7.93, p. 143

“EEA State” means a State which is a Contracting Party to the EEA Agreement other than the United Kingdom;

“graduated measure” means a measure with more than four scale marks or, in the case of a measure which is both a metric and imperial measure, in each of metric and imperial units;

“the Order” means the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981;

“the prescribed limits of error” shall be construed in accordance with regulation 15;

“the stamp” means the stamp prescribed by the Weights and Measures (Prescribed Stamp) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969(8);

“subdivided measure” means a measure with four or fewer scale marks or, in the case of a measure which is both a metric and imperial measure, in each of metric and imperial units; and

“suitable weighing machine” means a weighing machine having a discrimination threshold and a repeatability in grams not exceeding one-fifth of the appropriate limit of error expressed in millimetres relating to the standard, equipment or measure it is used to test.

(2) In these Regulations any reference to the importation of a capacity measure into Northern Ireland from another member State or from an EEA State includes such importation through Great Britain.

(3) The abbreviations of, and symbols for, units of measurement used refer to the relevant units as set out in the Table hereto:

TABLE

<i>Imperial System</i>		<i>Metric System</i>	
gallon	gal	litre	l or L
quart	qt	centilitre	cl or cL
pint	pt	millilitre	ml
fluid ounce	fl oz		
Degree Celsius	°C		