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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

REGULATIONS, DATED 1ST MAY 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTIONS 5 AND 8 OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

The Ministry of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 5(1)(3) and 8(1) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969 and shall come into operation on 14th May 1969.

2. The Weights and Measures Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) shall have effect as if—

(a) at the end of Regulation 7(3) there were added the following proviso:—

“Provided that nothing in sub-paragraph (c) or (d) of this paragraph shall require an inspector to obliterate the stamp on any weighing instrument which in his opinion has been altered or adjusted only for the purpose of converting it to compute prices in a decimal currency if he is satisfied

(i) that within a period of fifteen days following the making of the alteration or adjustment the requirements of paragraph (6) were complied with; or

(ii) that the period for complying with those requirements has not yet expired.”;

(b) paragraph (5) of Regulation 7 were omitted and the following further paragraphs were added at the end of that Regulation:—

“(5) Nothing in paragraph (2) shall require an inspector to obliterate the stamp on any avoirdupois weight of the bell type which was first stamped before 25th October 1967 and which falls within the prescribed limits of error.

(6) The requirements referred to in the proviso to paragraph (3) are that the chief inspector of weights and measures is furnished by the person carrying out the alteration or adjustment with the following particulars, namely,—

(i) his name and address;

(ii) particulars by which the instrument may be identified; and

(iii) the name and address of the person who will first use the instrument for trade after its alteration or adjustment and the address at which it will be so used or, if these particulars are not known, an address at which the instrument will be available for inspection.

(a) 1967. c. 6 (N.I.).

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 237.

(7) Where the alteration or adjustment of an instrument for the purpose of converting it to compute prices in a decimal currency involves the carrying out of two or more operations and the instrument is used, or intended to be used, for trade between the carrying out of those operations, each such operation shall be treated for the purposes of the proviso to paragraph (3) as a separate alteration or adjustment.”; and

(c) there were substituted for paragraph (a) of the proviso to Regulation 20(14) the following:—

“(a) until 1st February 1974 metric weights which were first stamped before 31st January 1969 may bear the abbreviation ‘gm’;”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 1st day of May 1969.

(L.S.)

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Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The Regulations amend the Weights and Measures Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967.

They make provision for price computing weighing instruments which are altered for the purpose of converting them to compute prices in a decimal currency. Inspectors of Weights and Measures will not be required to obliterate the stamps on such instruments merely because they have been altered for that purpose if notice is given to the chief inspector of weights and measures within fifteen days of the carrying out of the alteration.

They also—

- (i) extend until 1st February 1974 the period during which metric weights stamped before 31st January 1969 and bearing the abbreviation “gm” may lawfully be used; and
- (ii) extend the provisions permitting the use of avoirdupois weights of the bell type falling within the prescribed limits of error (other than those described in Schedule 4 of the Weights and Measures Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967). Such weights may continue to be used if they were first stamped before 25th October 1967. Hitherto such weights could only be used while they still bore a stamp applied before that date.