

1970. No. 342

[C]

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES****Amendment of Schedules 3 and 5**

ORDER\*, DATED 18TH DECEMBER 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter called "the Ministry") 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 with respect to the subject matter thereof made to it by such organisations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 15(2), (3) and (5) of the Act and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Amendment of Schedules 3 and 5) Order (Northern Ireland) 1970 and shall come into operation on 18th December 1970.

*Ballast, etc.*

2. Nothing in paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 of the Act ("ballast" as defined in paragraph 1 of that Schedule to be sold only by volume in a multiple of half a cubic yard or by net weight) shall preclude the sale of ballast by volume in a multiple of 0.2 cubic metre and accordingly, in the said paragraph 2 for "in a multiple of half a cubic yard" there shall be substituted "in a multiple of 0.5 cubic yard or 0.2 cubic metre".

3. The exemption from the provisions of the said paragraph 2 afforded by paragraph 3(a) of the said Schedule shall apply as respects quantities both less than one ton and less than one cubic metre and accordingly in the said paragraph 3(a) for "one cubic yard" there shall be substituted "one cubic metre".

*Ready mixed concrete, etc.*

4. Nothing in paragraph 2 of Part II of Schedule 5 (ready mixed cement mortar and ready mixed concrete to be sold in quantities in excess of one cubic yard only by volume in a multiple of a quarter of cubic yard) shall preclude the sale of ready mixed cement mortar or ready mixed concrete by volume in a multiple of 0.1 cubic metre and accordingly in the said paragraph for "a multiple of a quarter of a cubic yard" there shall be substituted "a multiple of 0.25 cubic yard or a multiple of 0.1 cubic metre".

---

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

\*A draft of this Order was approved by Resolution of the House of Commons and the Senate on 17th December 1970.

5. The exemption from the provisions of the said paragraph 2 afforded by paragraph 3 of the said Schedule shall apply as respects quantities less than one cubic metre and accordingly in the said paragraph 3 for "one cubic yard" there shall be substituted "one cubic metre".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 18th day of December 1970.

(L.S.)

*K. Darwin,*

Assistant Secretary.

---

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends Schedules 3 and 5 of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.

The principal changes are:—

- (i) that sand and ballast may now be sold in a multiple of 0·2 cubic metre;
- (ii) that ready-mixed cement mortar and ready-mixed concrete may now be sold in a multiple of 0·1 cubic metre.